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IRA claims responsibility for attack

Bomb kills 7 British soldiers

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug. 20, (UPI): The outlawed Irish Republican Army today claimed responsibility for a bomb attack that killed seven British soldiers and injured 29 others near Dungannon, 56 miles west of Belfast.

The soldiers, all members of the 1st Battalion light infantry, were returning by bus to their base in Omagh from home leave in Britain.

The IRA in a statement released through the Republican bureau in Belfast said the bomb had been packed into a car parked at the roadside and contained 200 pounds of high explosives.

Wreckage

Seven soldiers were killed and 27 were wounded, two of them critically, the spokesman said. It was the single most violent attack on British security forces in Northern Ireland since 1985.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher cut short her holiday and returned to 10 Downing Street in London, saying she was "deeply shocked and distressed by the news." Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Tom King

rushed to Belfast for an emergency briefing with security chiefs.

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters said the explosives were detonated at 12:30 am. As the bus went past on the road between Omagh and Ballygalley.

Bodies and wreckage from the bus were thrown 50 yards from the blast, which left a crater 12 feet wide and 6 feet deep in the roadway. The bus was blown 100 yards along the road before it crashed into a ditch.

"It was a terrible slaughter," said Paddy Brogan, a local political leader who said he was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the explosion. "The bus was so mangled, it was a miracle anyone survived."

Unionist member of parliament Ken Maginnis wept as he described the scene of the bombing.

Outrage

"I didn't know who to help first," he said. "There were bodies all over the place. A soldier had dragged himself through six inches of mud trying to get away from the scene. By the time I got to him, he had

crawled into a barn and died over a pile of straw."

In Northern Ireland, politicians have expressed their horror and outrage at the no-warning ambush, one calling for martial law in the province and others demanding selective internment of suspected terrorists.

Hardline Protestant leader, the Rev Ian Paisley, said "the governments hands are stained with the blood of these young soldiers. What must it take for the prime minister to understand that the people behind this outrage know nothing other than terrorism. They must be dealt with."

Stripped

The IRA statement said, "ultimate responsibility for these lives rests with Mrs Thatcher, her government and previous governments, which since 1971 cruelly misled the British people into believing that the IRA could be defeated as a people's Army can never be defeated."

Rescuers had to drag bodies from under the tangled wreckage and bandages who were travelling in coaches behind the bus stripped off their uniforms to

keep the hurt men warm.

A local doctor worked feverishly among the wounded, as local residents ferried them to hospitals in their private cars.

Another witness, Mr Alan Rainey, said, "I saw horrible things. One body had been blown against a telegraph pole. His face was unrecognizable. I think some of the soldiers were mutilated by the bomb."

Designed

The IRA statement made no reference to its recent upsurge in attacks against British troops, but security sources in Belfast today said they believed the IRA campaign was designed to heighten public opinion in Britain and force the British government to withdraw troops from Northern Ireland.

Twenty full-time soldiers have been killed in Northern Ireland this year, bringing the total of regular troops killed in the province to 409 since 1969.

Nine civilians have died in the past week in violence between paramilitary groups demanding an end to British rule in mainly Protestant Northern Ireland and militant loyalists.



British soldiers patrol the area where a British Army bus was bombed yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dame Edna on cab ride for charity

LONDON, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Australian cabaret star Barry Humphries, alias Dame Edna Everage, last night set off a London cab on a charity drive to Australia which could be the world's longest and costliest taxi trip.

Humphries, who is best known as the female impersonation character Dame Edna, started the taxi meter ticking outside Buckingham Palace and took the first leg of the 17,600 km journey.

The meter in the distinctive black London cab will keep ticking all the way to Sydney and is expected to clock up £25,000 (\$42,000) for children's charities through sponsorships and to break the world record for the longest and most expensive taxi journey.

Supporters of the charities will board the cab at various states en route and make their contributions to the "fare".

"I love London cabbies, they always take me the scenic route," Humphries said in his resounding Dame Edna voice, eyes peering mischievously through a pair of outsize spectacles which are the character's trademark.

Czech police block invasion protest

PRAGUE, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Czechoslovak police thwarted a bid by spokesmen of the Charter 77 human rights movement to present an appeal to the Soviet Embassy today on the 20th anniversary of the Soviet-led invasion which crushed the "Prague spring" reform movement.

The three spokesmen were shown into unidentified police cars by plain clothes officers as they came within several blocks of the embassy complex.

Spokesman Milos Hajek, a frail elderly historian, calmly entered a car but the two others, Stanislav Devaty and Bohumir Janat, put up a fight lasting several minutes as Western journalists watched police drag them and twist their arms.

The driver of a passing car stopped briefly to offer assistance to the three and said, "Shall I call the police?" Before realising that Czechoslovak authorities were already at the scene.

The Charter spokesmen had hoped to give Soviet diplomats a statement calling on Moscow to tell the truth about the invasion which began on the night of Aug. 20, 1968, and put an abrupt end

to the Prague spring reform movement.

They likened the Prague reformists' liberalisation of the economy and abolition of censorship 20 years ago to changes currently under way in the Soviet Union.

Truth

The Charter statement said: Without the truth coming out about what happened in the past, it is impossible to judge what is happening now."

The human rights group has called on Czechoslovaks to "throw off the fetters of fear" and speak out against the traumatic effects of the invasion.

At least two smaller groups have distributed leaflets in Prague urging a protest on Wenceslas Square where Soviet tanks assembled after the invasion.

Uniformed and plain clothes police patrolled the rain-drenched square today.

The former burial site of Jan Palach, a young Czech who stunned the world when he set himself on fire in the square in January 1969 to protest against the invasion, was covered with fresh flowers and about a dozen candles apparently placed there last night.

Hundreds die in Burundi in tribal clashes

NAIROBI, Aug. 20, (UPI): Between 600 and 800 people were killed in bloody tribal clashes in the tiny East-Central African country of Burundi earlier this week, a senior Western diplomat in the country's capital of Bujumbura said today.

He said reliable reports from the isolated, mountainous north of the country indicated the dead included an equal number of Hutu and Tutsi — the two major tribes, which were involved 16 years ago in brutal clashes that left more than 100,000 dead.

"You can get speculations of up to 1,000 on either side, but the people who were involved in the body counts — the government people — say 300 to 400 were killed on each side," the diplomat said.

Emotions

The source contacted by telephone from Nairobi confirmed government claims that calm had returned to the country after a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on Thursday.

"But emotions are running very high," he said, adding that many civil servants working in the capital had sent their children to the north region for the school holidays before the clashes. "Many were killed," the diplomat said.

The fighting in the northern provinces of Ngozi and Kirundi started on Aug. 14 and continued for at least four days. Diplomats and government officials in Bujumbura said Hutu tribesmen went on the rampage, burning Tutsi villages and hacking to death men, women and children.

Members of the minority but politically dominant Tutsi tribe responded in an equally bloody manner — a grim reminder of a brutal tribal slaughter 16 years ago.

After an abortive coup led by the majority Hutu tribe in April 1972, the ruling Tutsi systematically eliminated all Hutu, slaying well over 100,000 of them, in the largest ethnic massacre ever recorded in the history of independent Africa.

Contain

Sources in Burundi said exclusively-Tutsi crack Army troops sent to contain the trouble in the past few days were well-disciplined. "They showed great restraint," said a senior diplomat.

He did not exclude the fighting may have been provoked by supporters of the former government of Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, deposed in Sept. 87 by Army Major Pierre Buyoya.

Bush's running mate defends his National Guard service

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Aug. 20, (Reuters): Dan Quayle, hit with tough questions in what was planned as a triumphal homecoming for the Republican vice-presidential candidate, angrily denied he did anything wrong by signing up for part-time military service that kept him out of combat in Vietnam.

"No rules were broken... I am very proud of my service in the National Guard," George Bush's embattled Republican running mate said at a news conference here.

Quayle, the centre of a raging controversy over whether he pulled political strings in 1969 to avoid combat duty in America's most unpopular war, said he had not asked anyone for help in getting into the Indiana National Guard, military reservists, and added: "I did not try to avoid service in Vietnam."

Quayle's comments at an

impromptu news conference in his home town after he and Bush had received a wildly enthusiastic reception at the first political rally of their campaign, drew cheers from the large crowd which was gathered behind him.

Boring

People in the crowd jeered as reporters sharply questioned Quayle and at one point chanted "boring, boring."

Critics of the wealthy 41-year-old legislator, who on Thursday night received the Republican vice-presidential nomination, had suggested that his family's power and influence as newspaper publishers allowed him to join the national guard and at times when less-privileged American youths were fighting and dying in the conflict in Southeast Asia.

Quayle, a military hardliner whose credibility has come into question because of the flap over his military service record,

heatedly denied he joined the guard because it was considered a safe haven for those seeking to avoid the draft and a possible call to combat.

"Being a member of the Indiana National Guard, I could have been called up like many other guardsmen," he said.

Denial

Quayle also denied that the controversy, which overshadowed much of the Republican convention in New Orleans, made him a liability to Bush, a self-described underdog in the campaign against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

"I don't believe being a member of the Indiana National Guard and serving your country is (a drawback) for the ticket as a matter of fact, I'm darn proud of it," he said.

Quayle said his service in the National Guard enabled him to attend law school and at the same time fulfil his military duty.

World's oldest man turns 111

SWANSEA, Wales, Aug. 20, (AP): John Evans, regarded as the world's oldest man, celebrated his 111th birthday yesterday with hints for long life — don't smoke, drink or swear, but do treat oneself to honey and a song.

Evans, who lives with his 77-year-old son and his wife, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that much of his good health comes from a good diet with plenty of vegetables.

"But some part of it is taking hot water in the morning... (with) a small bit of honey. I've been doing that since I retired and that's going on 38 years (ago)," the former miner told BBC radio in an interview at his home in Forest-Fach near Swansea in South Wales.

"Honey is great," said Evans. "I get plenty of that on my birthday."

Singing helps, too. "I've been doing that since I was a little boy. Going to Sunday school, I'd sing. plenty of it," he said, breaking into a Welsh song.

But Evans, who visited London for the first time last year when he turned 110 and had a pacemaker fitted when he was 108, vetoes some things.

"I say this definitely: no drink and no smoking of any kind. And no cursing and swearing which is disturbing (to) the nerves," he said.



Striking Polish miners protest at Jastrzebie coal mine after the government ruled out recognition of Solidarity trade union. (Reuters wirephoto)

Unrest spreads in Poland as more mines go on strike

WARSAW, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Labour unrest by thousands of workers demanding recognition of the banned Solidarity Trade Union spread in Poland today.

Four more coal mines went on strike despite government warnings that the demand was unrealistic.

The official news agency PAP said workers were on strike at 10 southern coal mines. Transport and port workers were on strike in Szczecin, about 400 km (250 miles) northwest of Warsaw.

Strikers say more than 16,000 workers have downed tools for recognition of Solidarity in a wave of unrest which began when 3,000 miners occupied the southern Manifest Lipcowy Colliery on Tuesday.

Workers are also threatening to strike at the Lenin Shipyard in the Baltic port of Gdansk where Solidarity was born.

The government issued a statement on Friday night saying demands for recognition of Solidarity were unrealistic and the strikers' calls for higher pay could spell economic ruin.

PAP said there were strikes at 10 mines in the Katowice region

in southern Poland where most of the country's coal is produced.

It reported new strikes at the Borynia, ZMP, Krupinski and First of May mines. It did not say if production had stopped.

All output had been halted at the six other mines — Manifest Lipcowy, Jastrzebie, Moszczanica, Andaluja, Thirty Years of People's Poland and Morcinke Collieries.

The miners, and dockers and bus and train drivers in Szczecin, are calling for legalisation of free trade unions.

Illegal regional Solidarity commissions and the banned union's national executive commission have issued calls for workers to support the strikes.

Solidarity commissions at the giant Ursus tractor factory in Warsaw and the huge Lenin steelworks near the southern city of Krakow expressed support for the strikers' demands and their readiness to strike if force was used to end the unrest.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said on Friday that Lenin Shipyard workers at Gdansk would go on strike if Solidarity was not recognised by Monday.

Gulf war truce comes into force

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such previously hard-to-get items as televisions, radios, freezers and other electrical appliances.

Iraqis by the hundreds lined up in front of state department stores to get first crack at the consumer cornucopia.

Celebrations of the ceasefire continued into the early hours today. Horn-blasting processions of drivers wound through the streets of this city of 3.5 million people. Many passengers waved Iraqi flags.

One sign of returning normalcy came when an Iraqi jetliner completed the first Basra-to-Baghdad flight since the early days of the war. Civilian traffic had been halted at Basra's airport when Iranian shelling devastated the southern port city.

Peace

But Iraqi soldiers continued to man anti-aircraft batteries atop many of Baghdad's major high-rises and the government warned that "the road to peace might be littered with hardships."

Iraqi and Iranian negotiations are due to meet face-to-face on Thursday in Geneva to start work on a comprehensive settlement of the conflict.

The Iraqi military spokesman, whose name was not released, was quoted in today's newspapers as saying: "The ceasefire is likely to lead to comprehensive peace for which Iraq has been endeavouring. But there could be some who will try to hamper this process. This requires that Iraq should remain vigilant and not be complacent."

Bargaining

Iranian leaders also said work still had to be done to achieve peace and hinted at hard bargaining when they met the Iraqis at the conference table in Geneva in five days' time.

"There should be no violation

on the fronts and, God forbid, not one unauthorised bullet should be fired," Iran's military chief, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, told Tehran Radio.

"We will abide by the ceasefire completely and there will be no shooting," President Ali Khamenei told troops on the southern front.

Rafsanjani said peace was not yet guaranteed. "We have not reached peace yet. We will announce it ourselves when we have," he said.

Iran's chief UN delegate, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, told Tehran Radio that most elements of Resolution 598 were not open to negotiation and Iran expected a quick withdrawal of troops.

He said the forces should return to frontiers defined in the 1975 Algiers accord between Iran and Iraq, which Baghdad has repudiated.

Inform

Mahallati said the Geneva talks were meant only to inform UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of the two sides' views on matters not raised in the resolution. Articles like those covering the prisoner exchange and a blame-fixing inquiry should be implemented independently.

Perez de Cuellar, in London on his way to Geneva, said today he is confident that Iran and Iraq will observe the ceasefire.

"I really think that both countries are serious — they are committed to the ceasefire," he told reporters in London, where he is spending the weekend before flying to Geneva to preside at peace talks between the two countries.

"We have our forces deployed in the area. They are going to monitor any movement which would mean a breaching of the ceasefire," he said.

"But I am confident both sides have accepted the ceasefire in good faith."

Commandos killed in clash with Israelis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Israeli troops and their Lebanese militia allies killed four Arab commandos in southern Lebanon today, the Israeli Army and security sources said.

An Army spokeswoman said Israeli troops killed three commandos in an Israeli-controlled area as they were moving towards the border. The commandos apparently intended to attack Jewish settlements inside Israel.

Further north, fighters of the South-Lebanon Army (SLA), Israel's mainly Christian militia allies in the region, repelled an attack on one of their positions, killing at least one of the attackers, security sources said.

The clash with Israeli troops occurred near Maron-a-Ras, three km (two miles) from the border, the spokeswoman said.

Less than 24 hours earlier, three Israeli soldiers were wounded by a roadside explosion in the border zone.

Zia's funeral sparks protest in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20, (Agencies): Security forces in India's Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir state threatened today to shoot curfew violators to break up pro-Pakistan protests sparked by the funeral of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The security forces fired shots in the air in the state capital Srinagar to break up clashes between security forces and scores of people who defied a curfew to come out into the streets to mourn Zia's death, witnesses said.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir, passed a resolution today expressing its "profound grief and anguish" over the death of Gen Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The resolution passed after a 70-minute debate. The legislature then observed two minutes of silence in Zia's honour.

The state government also lifted a curfew in Srinagar, the summer capital, for three hours today.

Police jeeps patrolled Srinagar's old quarter, announcing over loudspeakers that those defying the curfew would be shot, witnesses said, before order was restored.

Security was tightened in the state during the funeral to prevent a recurrence of violence which broke out after Zia's death. Four people were killed and 11 injured.

The Army was called out on Thursday in Srinagar and elsewhere to contain the protests in the sensitive state over which India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

Amman issues new rules for W. Bank passports

AMMAN, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Jordan said today it would issue "temporary" Jordanian passports to people in the Israeli-held West Bank after King Hussein's decision to cut ties with the territory.

The state-run news agency Petra, quoting a statement issued by Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai, said the temporary passports would be valid for two years instead of the previous five years.

Officials have said such passports will allow the West Bank's 850,000 residents to travel but not to qualify for Jordanian citizenship with the rights and duties which citizenship entails.

Rifai said that anyone living in the West Bank when the king announced on July 31 that he was passing responsibility for the territory to the PLO "is a Palestinian citizen and not Jordanian."

Affect

Rifai said the new measures would not affect Palestinians living in Jordan who held Israeli-issued "family reunion cards."

Israel issued the cards after capturing the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war. They enabled residents then living outside the territory to be repatriated to the West Bank to preserve property and businesses there.

Jordan told a PLO delegation last week that it would continue to provide day-to-day facilities and services to people in the West Bank to minimise their hardships.

Pakistan's election ...

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announced a six-year \$4.02 billion economic and military aid package for Pakistan, which has supported Muslim rebels fighting Soviet troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Shultz, here to attend Zia's funeral today, along with representatives of about 50 other nations, earlier met Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

The US Secretary of State described Zia as "a principled leader who earned the admiration of the world."

Shultz also met the widows of US Ambassador Arnold Raphel and US Brigadier General Herbert Wassom, who were among 30 people who died with Zia when their military plane crashed near the Indian border.

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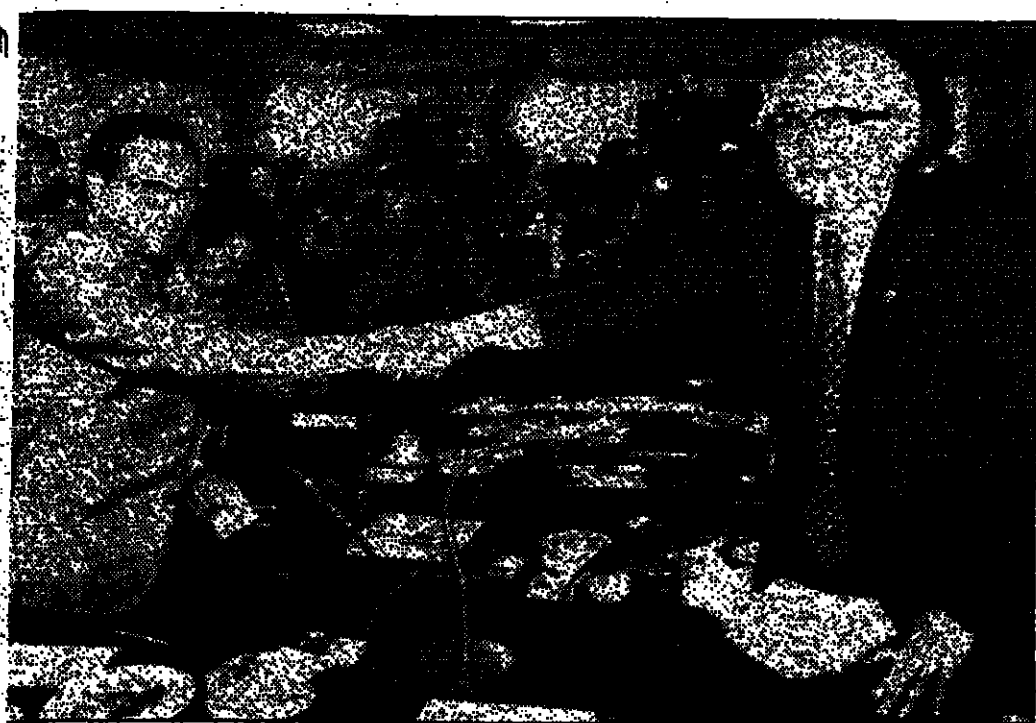
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North Korean delegate Chon Kum-Chol (left) shakes hands with his Southern counterpart Park Joon-Kyu at a conference room in the truce village of Panmunjom. (AP wirephoto)

Delegates stick to stand on Olympics

Koreans deadlocked on peace

PANMUNJOM, Aug. 20, (AP): Delegates from North Korea and South Korea deadlocked during a second round of talks today on peace measures and sharing the summer Olympics, and each side blamed the other for lack of progress.

Neither North nor South budged from its positions during today's session at the truce site of Panmunjom, in the demilitarised zone that separates the Korean peninsula. The communist North insisted on being a co-host at the 1992 Olympics. The capitalist South said it was impossible.

They did, however, agree to meet again Monday.

"South Korea was insincere throughout the meeting," the North's chief delegate, Chon Kum-Chol, told a news conference.

The chief South Korean delegate, Park Joon-Kyu, said

any hope of progress depended on the North being more flexible.

Park called on the North to give up its demand to be a co-host at the Olympics and simply agree to participate in the games, which start in Seoul on Sept. 17.

"I still think the chance of North Korea participating in the Seoul Games is one in a thousand," Park told reporters.

Smiles

The two five-member teams met in the South Korean pavilion. On Friday, they met in the North Korean building. They shook hands and smiled at the start of the talks, but the mood was guarded.

The two Koreas, technically still at war, are arch enemies with hundreds of thousands of troops poised along the 240-kilometre border.

The main purpose of the talks was to arrange a full-scale North-South parliamentary session, but the two sides disagreed on what that session should involve.

South Korean delegates continued to insist on small delegations for parliamentary talks instead of participation of the full legislatures of both sides as demanded by the North. The South said the North's plan was unworkable.

The South said it would drop its demand for a presidential summit to be discussed. North Korea wants the meeting to urgently address drawing up a non-aggression pact and its demand to be a co-host at the Olympics.

The North Koreans also proposed that both legislatures make a joint declaration of non-aggression, bypassing their governments.

Military won't oppose return of Marcos

MANILA, Aug. 20, (AP): The military will not oppose any un-ordered return of Ferdinand Marcos, who believes there will be security risks if the former president comes home, the Philippines' armed forces chief said today.

President Corazon Aquino said on Friday she would abide by any court order approving her husband's return from Hawaii, where he fled after the 1986 uprising against his 20-year administration.

On Thursday, an anti-graft court said Marcos — or his attorney — had the right to be present during testimony of a former government minister scheduled to give a deposition against the late president in November.

Marcos, who is a lawyer, said telephone from Hawaii that would demand the right to be home and represent himself in the proceedings.

"Certainly, there are some security implications that may be involved with the return of President Marcos to the Philippines at this time," Gen. Renato Villa, military chief of staff, reporters.

Burmese call for total democracy

RANGOON, Aug. 20, (UPI): Masked students and Buddhist monks on Saturday called for demonstrations to oust the ruling party despite the election of Maung Maung, a moderate civilian as President and party leader, witnesses said.

About 3,000 demonstrators, including orange-clad Buddhist monks, gathered peacefully at the Rangoon General Hospital to call for democracy and an end to one-party rule.

Student speakers with handkerchiefs masking their faces said that a nationwide general strike was set to begin on Monday.

Two truckloads of students arrived at the hospital from provincial towns to the cheers of the crowd.

Additional security troops were sighted moving into the capital, diplomats said, but there was no attempt to interfere with the first demonstrations since the announcement on Friday that Maung Maung, a Western-educated lawyer, was elected to head the government and party.

Maung Maung, previously attorney general and personal legal adviser to longtime Burmese ruler Gen. Ne Win, was elected party chairman by the central committee of the Burma Socialist Programme Party on Friday morning and then selected as President by the People's Assembly in the afternoon.

Maung Maung, 63, replaced Brig. Gen. Sein Lwin who resigned as party leader and President on Aug. 12 amidst large-scale demonstrations against him and the one-party system that cost an estimated 1,000 lives.

Iron hand

The headline retired General Sein Lwin lasted only 17 days in power after succeeding Ne Win who ruled Burma with an iron hand since seizing power from the last civilian Burmese leader, Prime Minister Nu in 1962.

A public protest by the Bar Council of Rangoon was cancelled following the election of Maung Maung, a respected legal scholar, sources in the lawyers organisation said.

Najib's brother foresees mujahedeen takeover

Afghan regime will collapse soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, (UPI): The brother of Afghan President Najibullah has predicted that the current Soviet-backed government of Afghanistan will disappear within months to be replaced by a unified leadership of mujahedeen rebels.

Ediullah Rabi, 37, younger brother of Najibullah, appeared in his wife at a news conference organised by the State Department. The family, which includes young children, has been granted refugee status by the US.

Rabi, who was smuggled into Pakistan July 28 by a rebel leader known as Massoud, said his brother is totally dependent on Soviet aid and that once their withdrawal is complete, Najibullah will be doomed.

He said, "the morale of the Afghan regime is very low. The mujahedeen morale is very high

and they are totally unified. One can only draw the conclusion that after the Soviet withdrawal is complete, the government will fall."

The Soviets have pushed the idea of a transitional coalition government that would include Najibullah, but his younger brother said the idea of a "national reconciliation" is fanciful, started by the Soviets as a device to try to save their puppet regime.

Describing the war against the Soviet forces in Afghanistan, Rabi gave high marks to the American-supplied Stinger surface-to-air missiles, a shoulder-fired weapon which homes in on an aircraft's exhaust.

He said the missiles transformed the Afghan war by forcing Soviet aircraft to operate at high levels where they were ineffective as ground support for the

Afghan and Soviet troops. In 1986 and 1987, US officials estimated the Soviets were losing an average of one aircraft a day, mainly to the US-supplied missiles in the hands of the rebels.

He said, "This really was the turning-point. By using them (the Stingers) the mujahedeen were practically able to stop the Soviet offensive operations."

Neither Rabi nor State Department officials would talk about where Rabi, his wife Soroya and their two young children will live, apparently because of fear of reprisal by Afghan secret police.

Rabi said, "Najibullah will resort to any means against me."

He described his brother as a devious, possibly mentally unbalanced and totally subservient to the Soviet occupation regime. He had been arrested by his brother and held in prison for four months. When released, he

Palestinians protest deportation policy

Strike shuts W. Bank city

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 20, (UPI): Striking Palestinians shut down the West Bank's largest city for a second day on Friday and scattered clashes erupted in the occupied territories as Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reiterated his position that violence would not help the Palestinian cause.

Outlawed Palestinian flags flew in Nablus and slogans condemning Israel's deportation policy, under which 33 Palestinians have been expelled this year, were scrawled on walls in the West Bank city. Burning tyres blocked roads and Palestinians clashed with soldiers, Palestinian sources said.

Soldiers shot and wounded at least seven Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza Strip confrontations on Friday, Palestinian sources said. The Jerusalem Social Affairs Organisation said Israeli Radio reported. Demonstrators were also protesting conditions at the Ketziot detention centre in the Negev Desert.

An estimated 45,000 West

Bank Palestinians and more than 140,000 Arabs in the 25-mile-long (40 km) Gaza Strip were confined to their homes on Friday under military-imposed curfews.

On Thursday, the Army partially lifted a three-day curfew imposed on the entire Gaza Strip and its nearly 600,000 Palestinians on Sunday night after widespread rioting in the territory.

Solution

Shamir, who opposed negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said the Palestinian uprising would not achieve a political solution for the nearly 1.6 million Palestinians in the territories.

"From Israel's point of view it can continue for nine years and we will not change our point of view," Shamir said in a speech to members of the Jerusalem Social Affairs Organisation. "It will not continue for nine years and I hope it will not continue for a very long time."

In an effort to crack the upris-

ing, Israel on Thursday outlawed popular committees established in Palestinian communities in the occupied territories. Palestinian sources said the popular committee in Nablus called on residents to hold general strikes on Thursday and Friday in the West Bank's largest city.

Conditions

The committee called the general strike to protest conditions at Ketziot detention centre near the Egyptian border, the sources said. Prisoners and human rights activists have called for closure of the sprawling, isolated centre saying inmates live under inhumane conditions.

Hundreds of Ketziot prisoners rioted on Tuesday because of the conditions and the recent violence in the Gaza Strip. Soldiers opened fire, killing two inmates and wounding a third.

On Wednesday, the International Committee of the Red Cross condemned conditions at Ketziot, where there are more than 2,500 Palestinians, most

detained without charge or trial for up to six months. In a rare public statement on Friday, the ICRC told Israel to stop violating the Geneva conventions by expelling Palestinians.

Israeli officials repeatedly have said deportations and administrative detentions are legal under emergency regulations imposed by the British in 1945.

Talks

In his speech, Shamir repeated calls for negotiations on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but said they must be "without terror and violence," apparently referring to his steadfast opposition to negotiating with the PLO.

But he also said he believed Israel was not going to stop Jewish settlements in the occupied territories under any agreements, including the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt that discuss the question of autonomy for the occupied territories.

PLO expects Palestinian state in early 1990s

CAIRO, Aug. 20, (Reuters): A Senior aide to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat said last night that the movement expected Palestinians to have their own state in Israeli-occupied territory in the early 1990s.

Hani Al Hassan, Arafat's top political adviser, said on Egyptian state television that the Palestine National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament in exile, would meet in the second half of September to recommend the establishment of a provisional government.

"When we started the revolution we spoke of a struggle to last for 30 to 40 years. Now we are talking about a stage which will, God willing, bear fruit early in the 1990s, within three or four years," Hassan said.

He said the PLO preferred to use the term "a provisional government" rather than a government-in-exile as Palestinians under Israeli occupation were pressing for a declaration of independence.

Independence

"As the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians, the PLO believes that the time is ripe to declare national independence which will be done by our people in the occupied territories," said Hassan.

"The PNC will approve the formation of a provisional government," he added. Algeria had agreed to host the meeting.

Hassan was a member of a high-level PLO delegation that held discussions with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and other officials this week following Jordan's decision to hand over responsibility for the Israeli-occupied West Bank to the PLO last month.

Hassan said the PLO expected Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq to play a major role in exercising pressure on the United States to avoid a United Nations Security Council veto blocking a Palestinian government in exile from joining the world organisation.

Meanwhile, former US President Jimmy Carter held talks in Cairo with a senior PLO official.

Mysterious shark washes ashore in Australia

SYDNEY, Aug. 20, (AP): A shark named "Megamouth," with lips that glow in the dark, washed ashore off the coast of Western Australia and is only the third such specimen to be found, scientists said today.

"In this day and age it is quite a remarkable find," said Dr Gerald Allen of the fish department of the Western Australia Museum. "Something like this doesn't happen every day."

The fish, which measured four metres and looks like a cross between a whale and a shark, swam ashore on Wednesday near the resort town of Mandurah. Residents pushed it back to sea but it beached itself again and died. Allen said the Megamouth was first discovered in 1976 off Hawaii. A second specimen was caught in 1984 off the coast of southern California.

"It's the first time a Megamouth has been found in the southern hemisphere," Allen said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

Depth

Allen said the fish lives at depth of 200 metres to 1,000 metres and has bioluminescent lips that glow in the dark to attract food like jellyfish, plankton and shrimp.

"We don't know very much about it other than that it swims at great depths apparently with its mouth open, filtering food," said Allen. He said Megamouth has a bulbous head with a mouth measuring 2.1-2.2 feet (almost one metre) across, and tiny teeth quite unlike a white pointer.

"It's definitely a shark and it is not prehistoric," Allen said. "It is very exciting to find the third ever specimen. You don't find new species or families of animals in this day and age."

The two previous specimens were slightly smaller. All have been male and Allen said it would be useful to have a female "so we can find out about their reproductive systems."

went over to the rebel group and, he said, Najibullah — who does not use the family name Rabi — arrested their mother in an attempt to find out where Sediullah had gone.

Confiding

But Najibullah speaks confidently of remaining in power despite the continuing pullout of Soviet troops supporting his government.

Most analysts think the Soviet withdrawal to be completed by Feb. 15 will be followed by a prolonged stalemate, in which the government retreats into the major cities and the US-backed mujahedeen guerrillas step up siege and harassment tactics aimed at igniting anti-regime sentiment.

Under this scenario, exhaustion will compel the Muslim rebels and dissident Afghan officials — especially in the desert-prone military — to negotiate a deal involving the ouster of Najibullah and creation of a border-based government in which his People's Democratic Party will still have a role.

Earthquake hits Taiwan

TAIPEI, Aug. 20, (AP): An earthquake centred off the coast of eastern Taiwan shook the island this morning but there were no reports of casualties or damage, the Central Weather Bureau said.

The earthquake struck early today and registered a preliminary 6.7 magnitude reading on the open-ended Richter scale, the bureau reported. The epicentre was at sea about 108 kilometres southeast of the coastal city of

Ilan in eastern Taiwan. The tremor was felt in the capital, where residents reported their houses shook violently, the bureau said.

The Richter scale measures ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in intensity.

An earthquake of magnitude 6 can cause severe damage in a populated area.

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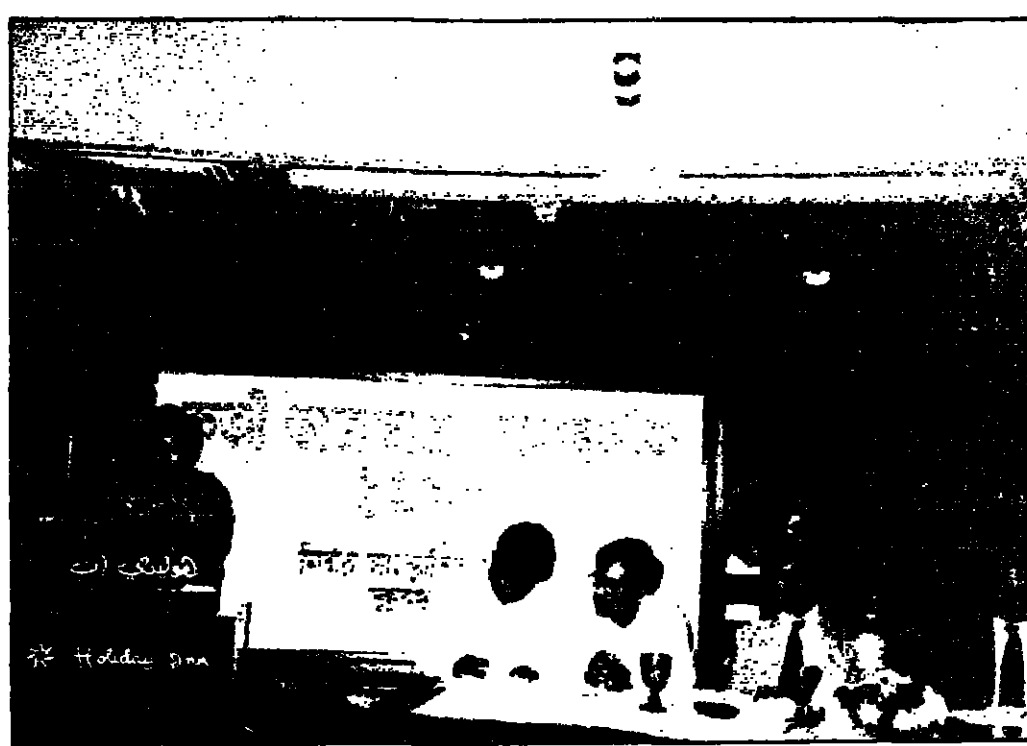
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GOING PLACES



The Indian Arts Circle held its final programme to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence on Thursday evening. News of President Zia-ul-Haq's death cast a gloom over the show, which began with a minute's silence. Patriotic poems — in a number of Indian languages — were recited, but the highlight of the evening was surely the dances. The pictures above show some of the dance numbers.



Nirghar, a Bangladeshi cultural group, honoured the first group of students from the Bangladesh School to appear for the Secondary School Certificate with a variety show at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Aug 14. The students are: Razia Begum, Umme Kulsum, Mirza Mohammed Shahabuddin, Sahara Begum, Habibur Rahman Khan and Saleha Begum. The photograph above shows Umme Kulsum delivering a speech on behalf of her class.



The Coffee Shop at the Kuwait Sheraton is having a pancake festival this week, featuring a wide variety of pancake specialties. The promotion ends on Aug 25.



The Meridian is having a mango promotion featuring a wide selection of mango preparations, ranging from appetizers to desserts. The promotion ends on Aug 31.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

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Kuwait Malayalees

Kuwait Malayalees Onam Celebration Committee will celebrate Onam on Aug 26 from 9:00am onwards, at the Indian Embassy auditorium, with cultural programmes, competitions, and traditional Onasadya in Kerala style. For passes, please contact 2412986, 5629747, 3943662.

Onam Festival

The Viewabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil 2422973.

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At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on

Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At Messiah Beach

Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa. Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahaheel.

Masters Bowling Tournament

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Salcette United

The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2, at 9 am, at the Phoenixia hotel.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Kuwait Nomads

Training will continue this week on Sunday and Tuesday at new venues. Please meet at the grounds in Fintas by 7:15 pm.

All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwalkh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE sun also shines on the wicked — Seneca, Roman scholar (about 54 BC-39 AD).

'Plane crash was no accident'

Pakistan suspects foreign agents

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD. (Reuters): Islamabad is buzzing with theories as to who might have murdered Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq if, as widely suspected, the plane crash which killed him was no accident.

"Zia had so many enemies it could have been any one of dozens of groups," a Western analyst commented.

Pakistani officials strongly suspect foreign agents. "It certainly was a foreign hand," a senior official close to the military establishment said.

No one is willing to be quoted, but many point the finger at Afghanistan, whose Soviet-backed government has reason to loath Zia because of his steady support for guerrillas dedicated to overthrowing President Najibullah in Kabul.

Western diplomats believe an internal Pakistani plot is more likely. Zia, who seized power in 1977, aroused strong passions among his countrymen, from fervent support to bitter hatred.

Crashed
Zia's military transport plane crashed on Wednesday shortly after takeoff from Bahawalpur in the Punjab plains, where he had been visiting troops. Local people reported seeing an explosion on board.

Eight US experts have been called in to help an Air Force investigation team but Pakistani officials expect no conclusions about what caused the crash for several days.

The Pakistanis, while not ruling out an accident despite the reliable reputation of the sturdy C-130, suspect the plane was blown up by a bomb or shot down by a missile.

Planting a bomb on board would require breaching the tight security surrounding the military president's plane. A missile attack would need a sophisticated weapon and getting an agent into a good firing position.

Either would mean advance knowledge of Zia's unpublished movements and an efficient organisation with expertise and sufficient means.

Western diplomats said while the Soviet KGB Security Service might have the capacity it was highly unlikely the Kremlin would be involved in such a plot. But an operation by the

Soviet-trained Afghan secret service Khad, acting independently of Moscow, was a different matter.

Zia had provided the anti-communist rebels with large amounts of weapons, a haven for their bases, and political support for at least eight years.

The government of Najibullah, a former Khad chief, has blamed Pakistani and Western support for the rebels for its failure to win the bloody guerrilla war.

A senior Pakistani official pointed to recent statements by Soviet and Afghan authorities, warning of unspecified action unless Pakistan changed its tune.

But Afghan Charge d'Affaires Qudrullah Ahmad dismissed any suggestion of Afghan involvement, saying Pakistan blamed Kabul for "everything."

Zia was also unpopular in Pakistan's eastern neighbour India. The two nations have fought three wars in 41 years and the smiling general was seen in New Delhi as a schemer who encouraged Sikh separatists and could not be trusted.

But neither Pakistani nor foreign analysts saw much advantage to India from removing Zia.

Another group named by diplomats was Palestinian commandos. Five Palestinians are in a Pakistani jail under death sentence for the 1986 hijacking of a US airliner at Karachi.

Zia's most prominent enemy on the domestic front was Benazir Bhutto. Zia overthrew her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, in 1977 and presided over his execution on disputed murder conspiracy charges two years later.

The Bhuttos arouse almost hysterical passions among their supporters and hatred of Zia ran deep in their People's Party.

But the small guerrilla group it spawned, Al Zulfikar, once led by Benazir's brother, has not been active in years.

In recent months reports surfaced in the Pakistani press of discontent among officers after defeats in clashes with India over a disputed Himalayan glacier and the explosion of a weapons dump between Rawalpindi and Islamabad in which more than 100 people were killed.

"The list (of Zia's enemies) is pretty long," a diplomat commented.

Brezhnev doctrine seen as weakened

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON. (Reuters): Officially it never existed, yet it struck fear into the hearts of millions of East Europeans. Now many people think it's dead or dying. What is it?

It's the Brezhnev doctrine, the theory of "limited sovereignty" of communist countries that was used to justify the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia 20 years ago this weekend.

The Soviet Union, under then Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev, organised the invasion to stop the liberal political and economic reforms of the Czechoslovak leadership under Alexander Dubcek.

Nowadays, with Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union setting the pace for similar reforms, including loosening up the centrally planned economy and limited democratisation of political life, most analysts think Moscow's reaction would be different.

Alex Pravda of London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, says the Brezhnev doctrine has "been weakened a great deal."

Given the same situation in Czechoslovakia today, "I don't think (the Russians) would do anything. I think they'd be quite happy with that," he said.

This is not to say the Kremlin's East European allies are free to do anything they like. But, experts say, Moscow would have to see a real threat to its security to justify so grave a step as a military intervention.

The Brezhnev doctrine, a term coined in the West, broadly stated that one socialist country had a right to intervene in another if the continuance of socialism was threatened.

As the Soviet Communist

Party daily Pravda put it on Sept 11, 1968: "The sovereignty of each socialist country cannot be set up in opposition to the interests of the socialist world and the interests of the world revolutionary movement."

Brezhnev himself told the fifth Congress of the Polish Communist Party in November:

"When socialism (a communist country) and the socialist community as a whole are threatened it becomes not only a problem of the people of the country concerned, but a common problem and concern of all socialist countries."

Rule
Soviet officials say privately today that while such views represented a broad rule of thumb at the time, they were never included in official communist writ.

One veteran Soviet commentator, who asked not to be named, said it was not so much a doctrine, "it was rather a state of mind, that then took concrete form."

The line now, stated by Gorbachev when he visited Yugoslavia last March, is that all communist parties are free to choose their own paths. Moscow was forced to concede this point as long ago as 1976, at a conference of European communist parties.

But does this mean the end of the Brezhnev doctrine? Gorbachev evaded the question when Polish intellectuals put it to him during his visit to Poland last month.

One reason is that, despite the current denigration in the Soviet Union of Brezhnev's rule, Kremlin leaders still cannot say the invasion of Czechoslovakia was wrong.

To do so would undercut the present generation of leaders in Prague, who supplanted Dubcek and his team.

Final six months of presidency

White House works to keep Reagan in the limelight

By Charlotte Salkowski

WASHINGTON: The White House is working on a political strategy that will keep Ronald Reagan active and in the limelight in the final six months of his presidency. But Reagan advisers acknowledge they face problems that inhibit their objective.

● Congress focus is on the presidential race.

● The political baton is passing to George Bush.

● Legislative battles loom in the fall.

"That all puts constraints on things, but we think Ronald Reagan can go out with a cap to his presidency instead of just fading away," says Richard Wirthlin, the President's pollster and one of a group of intimate Reagan advisers plotting the scenario for the last six months.

High on the Reagan agenda will be campaigning for Vice-President Bush and the GOP. The President, whose job approval ratings remains high,

has already done considerable fund-raising for the party. Once Congress is in summer recess, says aides, Reagan will go out on the hustings two days a week.

"I've never known him so anxious to campaign for anyone at any time," says Wirthlin. "He wants to get involved."

Independent

What Reagan does and says on the campaign trail is not a black-and-white matter, however. Vice-President Bush is cautiously trying to carve out an independent stance without losing the political advantage that accrues from his association with the Reagan administration. Reagan's role must therefore be supportive but not dominating.

As Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis blasts away at the administration, aides say, the President's primary task will be one of "keeping the record straight" on such issues as economic growth, job creation, and improving superpower relations. Wirthlin, who has conducted public-opinion polls for Reagan since 1980, says the President's



Ronald Reagan

campaign message has to be threefold: noting Reagan-Bush accomplishments; stressing that George Bush does represent change; and citing specific cases where Bush has had successes, including progress on the anti-drug front.

"I don't think the President should attack Dukakis, but he can defend what has been done

and the consequences of a wrong choice," Wirthlin says. "And he can influence the turnout by speaking to the true believers, especially young people."

Besides planning campaign strategy, White House chief of staff Kenneth Duberstein and other top aides are also working out presidential strategy on legislative issues. The President has to determine which issues he will fight out with Congress and what bills he will or will not veto — decisions that will have an impact on the political campaign.

Some high aides, as well as Republicans in Congress, including Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, are urging Reagan not to veto the plant-closing bill, for instance, but to let it become law simply by not signing it. A veto, their argument is, would give Governor Dukakis political ammunition; the Democratic nominee is already charging the Republicans with a callous attitude toward workers.

The defence authorisation bill

confronts the President with another critical choice. Senate minority leader Bob Dole and other Republican congressional leaders urged Reagan to veto the bill in order to be able to accuse the Democrats of being soft on defence. But some Republicans, including administration officials, voice concern that a veto might lead to an even worse bill.

Reagan is unhappy with the defence measure because it reduces spending on his "Star Wars" programme, or Strategic Defence Initiative, and because it contains provisions which he believes would erode the power of the presidency.

Completion

Recognising that no time is left for new initiatives, Reagan's top officials say that the White House is now looking to round out the eight-year administration with a sense of completion and accomplishment. "We're switching gears legislatively," a political aide says. "We can put a good cap on these eight years — there are some things that hang

in the balance." Making sure Congress sticks to the budget agreement and gets the deficit down is a major priority. White House officials say. The President will also continue to work with the Soviets "up to the last minute" to try to complete a strategic arms reduction agreement. And he is considering another request for aid for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

"The President's concerned about the deterioration of the situation in Nicaragua," one aide says. "We will not fold out."

Welfare reform is also on the docket. The President objects to the welfare bills in the House and Senate, and efforts will be made to come up with an acceptable package. Last, aides say, the White House could join in a bipartisan panel on drugs — an issue on which Dukakis has been hammering the administration.

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Time for policy review

Thatcher changes pace and scene

By Peter Gregson

LONDON. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher refused to answer a reporter's question about Iran, turned on her heel and began her brief annual break with the words "I am so sorry, goodbye."

She had been posing atop a windswept cliff in Britain's southwestern area of Cornwall for a photo-session at the start of a rural retreat due to last seven to 10 days from last weekend.

It was the fifth year in a row that Thatcher had borrowed a Cornish farmhouse from a former aide for a mid-August change of pace and scene designed more to cater for husband Denis' golf than her own interests.

Inactivity irks the hard-driving Thatcher and one aide said: "I'd put money on seven days rather than 10."

This year, facsimile machines were installed to supplement the paperwork in the government's distinctive red despatch boxes that flow steadily from Downing Street to Cornwall.

The 62-year-old Thatcher's

grudging, annual concession to human frailty, however, will give her some breathing space to fine tune policies for the next phase of what has become known as the Thatcherite revolution.

Aides said topics that Thatcher planned to mull over in Cornwall included her keynote speech to October's Conservative Party conference in Brighton, the ruling party's first return to the Grand Hotel where an Irish Republican Army bomb killed five people and injured 31 during the 1984 conference.

Inflation

Thatcher is expected to stay in the same suite where she narrowly escaped death in that blast.

Conservative Party insiders said Thatcher has signalled her speechwriters to use the idea of social responsibility as the keynote theme for her address, urging those who have prospered during six years of economic growth under the conservatives to plough some of those benefits back into the community.

But it is the shape of the economy that may be giving Thatcher

most food for thought in Cornwall. With trade running at a billion pounds sterling (\$1.7 billion) a month in the red, interest rates soaring and inflation — Thatcher's economic enemy number one — projected to hit six per cent from its present level of 4.6 by the end of the year, there is widespread agreement that the credit-fuelled boom has overheated the economy.

It was how to deal with the economy, whether by costly intervention in the market or Thatcher's preference to let money markets set their own levels, that led to one of the biggest problems of the last parliamentary session, a clash with powerful finance minister Nigel Lawson.

But the prime minister sent a strong message that Lawson was on solid ground, despite their differences, with a minor but unexpected ministerial shuffle that left him at the treasury for at least another year.

The shuffle in late July came only days before politicians went on holiday and she set off on a tour of the Gulf, Australia and the Far East.

13 months after UN resolution

Iran and Iraq stop fighting

BAHRAIN. (Reuters): Shortly after dawn broke in the Gulf yesterday Iran and Iraq stopped fighting one of the longest wars this century.

Blue-helmeted United Nations peacekeepers will keep the two bitter Gulf war foes apart while delegates from Tehran and Baghdad prepare themselves for diplomatic battles at peace talks in Geneva due to begin on August 25.

The acceptance by Iran of UN Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire in the eight-year-old war was triumph for the patient diplomacy of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

It was the first time in the Gulf war that the 15-nation council invoked its mandatory powers and one of the few times that these have been exercised in any dispute brought to its attention.

But Perez de Cuellar still faces tough test of his diplomatic skills as Iranian and Iraqi delegates meet face-to-face for the first time since the start of the war in which up to a million people were killed.

Chronology
Here is a chronology of the ceasefire.

July 20, 1987: UN Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 598 ordering an immediate halt to fighting in the war and the withdrawal of the two sides' troops to internationally recognised boundaries.

July 23, 1987: Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz tells Perez de Cuellar Iraq welcomes the council's demand and is ready to accept the resolution if Iran does.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says Iraq must be branded the aggressor in the war before Iran accepts 598. The Iranians maintain this position for nearly a year.

Sept 1987: Perez de Cuellar goes on a peace mission to Baghdad and Tehran.

Oct 15, 1987: A revised UN peace plan is put to Iraq and Iran by Perez de Cuellar, calling for an effective end to hostilities and the simultaneous setting up of an international inquiry to determine responsibility for the start of the war.

Oct 30, 1987: Diplomats say Iranian response to new initiative is not definitive.

Nov 23, 1987: Perez de Cuellar says he is anxious about Iranian delays in sending a delegation to New York to discuss peace. At talks the results are inconclusive.

Dec 4, 1987: Several calls by the United States among others for sanctions against whichever one of the belligerents does not accept 598.

April 7, 1988: Iran neither accepts nor rejects 598, but maintains its stand that Iraq must be blamed for the start of the war.

July 18, 1988: Iran says it accepts Resolution 598 unconditionally — almost a year to the day after it was passed.

Iraq insists on direct talks with Iran before a ceasefire, stalling efforts by Perez de Cuellar to set a ceasefire date.

Aug 6, 1988: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein drops demand for direct talks before a ceasefire.

Aug 7, 1988: Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says he accepts UN proposals for direct talks with Iraq after the ceasefire goes into effect.

Aug 8, 1988: Perez de Cuellar announces ceasefire will go into force at 0300 GMT on August 20 — 24 nations will form 350-strong observer force, backed by 1,000 military and civilian staff.

Aug 19, 1988: UN advance parties arrive in Baghdad and Tehran to spearhead peace keeping force.

Aug 11, 1988: Yugoslav Major General Slavko Jovic is appointed commander of United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG).

Aug 13, 1988: Ceasefire reconnaissance units move to border war zone to set up bases.

Aug 14 - 17, 1988: Main ceasefire force build up begins.

0300 GMT Aug 20, 1988: The Gulf war formally ends as the ceasefire goes into force.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1673 — Britain's Prince Rupert is defeated off Texel, marking end of British efforts to land troops in Holland, freeing Dutch coast from blockade.

1689 — Louis of Baden defeats Turks, takes Niss and occupies Bulgaria.

1808 — British forces defeat French at Vimiero, Portugal.

1911 — German Emperor William II speaks at Hamburg on Germany's "place in the sun," which he says its Navy will secure for her.

1917 — German forces attack Russians on Riga, Latvia, front in World War I.

1940 — Leon Trotsky, communist revolutionary, dies of wounds inflicted by assassin in Mexico City.

1943 — It is disclosed that Japan has evacuated its last North American foothold in Pacific war — the Aleutian island of Kiska.

1959 — Baghdad pact changes name to Central Treaty Organization (CENTO); Hawaii becomes 50th state of United States.

1963 — Buddhists are arrested and martial law is imposed in South Vietnam.

1963 — Soviet forces occupying Czechoslovakia seize liberal communist leader Alexander Dubcek.

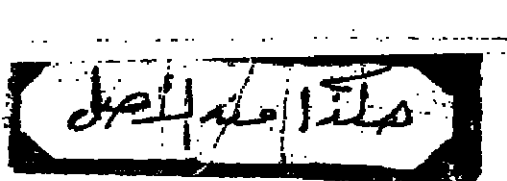
1975 — United States lifts 12-year ban on exports to Cuba by foreign subsidiaries of US companies, but embargo on direct trade between Cuba and United States remains in effect.

1983 — Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino is assassinated as he steps from plane in Manila after three years of self-imposed exile in United States. The assassin is shot dead.

1985 — Leftists march on Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos' palace as tens of thousands of other Filipinos stage largest anti-government protests in a year.

1986 — Soviet energy officials concede that Chernobyl disaster badly hurt nation's nuclear power programme.

1987 — Thousands attend services in Manila on fourth anniversary of the assassination of President Corazon Aquino's husband.



Lennon: with a little bit of hate from his biographer

by Richard Williams

LL over the Western world last week, from Liverpool to Los Angeles, former friends and associates of the late John Lennon are dividing themselves into two camps: those who talked to Albert Goldman, and those who did not.

Goldman is the American author whose forthcoming book, *The Lives of John Lennon*, is receiving massive publicity as a result of its partial serialization in a London newspaper.

Connoisseurs of showbiz biography vividly remember the job Goldman did seven years ago on Elvis Presley, in a book which scathingly portrayed the onetime King of Rock 'n' Roll as a pill-popping pervert who lay in bed all day attempting to stave off complete physical and mental breakdown.

It was while Elvis was still on the best-seller lists that Goldman's interest in Lennon became known. Tremors of foreboding quickly spread among the former Beatle's intimates, who quickly visualized that the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University might make of Lennon's experiments with LSD and heroin, his violent streak and his sexual adventures.

Philip Norman, the English author whose *Shout! The True Story of the Beatles* was published in 1981, set the tone: "Albert Goldman is the only author whose works I have physically destroyed," he said. "I dropped his biography of Lemmie Bruce into the bath, and



John Lennon: pill-popping pervert?

I hurled his Presley out of a train window."

Goldman's authorial method involves deploying teams of researchers to interview anyone who might have had dealings with the subject. The *Daily Mail's* claim that Goldman himself interviewed 1,200 people during six years of research "may be a bit on the optimistic side, but there is no doubt that the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University spreads his net wide."

Quite what he catches may be another matter. Those who refused to speak to him or his emissaries included all three former Beatles and both Lennon's wives, Cynthia Powell and Yoko Ono. "Cynthia didn't talk to Albert Goldman, even though he pursued her for five years, because of what he did to Presley," her agent said yesterday. "She thinks he's a character assassin."

Of course, minor figures —

A controversial biography of Beatle John Lennon, which portrays the singer as an anorexic drug-crazed pervert, has stunned most of his associates and Beatle fans alike. Critics note that the author's 'person' of John Lennon is very similar to his own previous work on Elvis Presley.

such as the New York neighbour, the former Liverpool pop singer and the "errand boy" who appears to be among Goldman's sources — can provide recollections as illuminating as those of international stars.

On the other hand, the bit-part players may be less than anxious to play down their own roles.

One early friend of Lennon who changed his mind about participating was Joe Flannery, who was invited for a drink by a

local journalist. "I thought I was being interviewed, for a Liverpool paper," he says. "Then, when the questions started getting deeper, I found out what was going on. I told him that if he was trying to scrape the bottom of the barrel, he was talking to the wrong man. I walked out."

The first instalment of "the publishing sensation of 1988" certainly tended to confirm Flannery's suspicions.

In typically baroque prose,



Goldman: character assassin?

Goldman characterised Lennon as, yes, a pill-popping pervert who lay in bed all day attempting to stave off complete physical and mental breakdown.

In Lennon's final years, we learnt, he turned into a Howard Hughes-like figure, bathing a

dozen times a day. He avoided physical contact. His eyes were failing — to such a degree that he failed to notice Yoko Ono's \$5,000-a-week heroin habit. He kept a collection of pornographic books close to her Shinto shrine.

Ring

Some of this has an oddly familiar ring. Sure enough, in a prefatory interview with the *Daily Mail* Goldman claimed to have identified "dismaying similarities" between Lennon and Presley. "It makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of rock."

Those who are gathering protectively around Lennon's memory would argue that, on the other hand, it makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of an Albert Goldman biography.

Lennon's son swears vengeance against Goldman

'Muck-raking pig who will pay in court'

By Jonathan Ashby

THE controversial book, which paints John Lennon as an anorexic, drug-crazed wimp dominated by Yoko, has devastated nobody more than Julian, his 25-year-old son by his first marriage.

Julian, who has been in Los Angeles recording a new album, exploded into a weeping rage when he read the allegations that have stunned Beatles fans the world over.

Furiously he hurled a copy of a U.S. magazine, which is publishing extracts from the book, against a wall. He then ripped all 98 pages of the magazine to shreds.

In a bitter outburst he told studio bosses Goldman was a "muck-raking pig" who would be made to pay in court.

A studio source said: "You could see the tears welling up as Julian read the article. Then he just exploded — sweating like a squaddie."

Julian swore vengeance. He

was screaming over and over again: 'The pig! The pig! Goldman has violated the memory of my father.'

Then he just burst completely into tears.

The dossier that Yoko and Julian have been preparing as the basis of their lawsuit against author Goldman aims to shoot down his claims "point by point".

One claim made by Goldman is that John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono secretly married her boyfriend Sam Havidtoy, six months after the singer died.

Goldman says Yoko and Sam slipped behind the Iron Curtain to wed in the romantic old Hungarian city of Budapest. There, they felt sure, they could keep their love match a secret.

Yoko was petrified that tying the knot after Lennon's death would bring torrent of abuse from millions of Beatles fans.

Sam met Yoko when she and Lennon commissioned him to redesign their New York apart-

ment. The marriage was already crumbling. The couple were living in separate wings of their luxury home.

And Yoko turned to be spectacular, gentle Sam for friendship and advice.

But after Lennon's death Sam moved in to care for grieving Yoko and her son Sean.

They still live at the apartment together.

Rumours of their marriage had been circulating in America for some time. But the book is the first "official" claim.

Denies

Yoko's New York spokesman Elliot Mintz denies the story completely. "She never remarried," he said.

Goldman says he and a team of researchers interviewed 1,200 people over six years.

But he never interviewed Yoko, says Mintz. And she and Julian Lennon have already compiled a dossier which they believe will destroy the vicious scribbles.

The allegations that most upset Yoko are that John was a slave to heroin and was to blame for her slipping into a \$3,000-a-week habit.

Another of Yoko's aides said: "We have hundreds of pictures of John's last weeks — video footage, films."

"They destroy the myth that he lived like a hermit and anorexia left him looking like a bag of bones."

Ringo Starr refuses to read the book. A spokesman for him said: "The claims that John had a homosexual affair with the Beatles' manager Brian Epstein are nonsense."

"If John had been gay he would have openly admitted it."

One of Lennon's friends, U.S. rock journalist Chet Flippo, believes John may have had a "fling" with Epstein. "But to say he was gay is ridiculous."

"His love for women is legendary. Anyone who knows his songs can see that."



Princess Dina: a story she had to tell

A princess remembers

MARRIED and divorced from King Hussein of Jordan in little over a year, the Hashimite monarch's first wife Princess Dina has chronicled her life and adventures with her — second husband, PLO guerrilla leader Salah Ta' amari.

Last week, she and her daughter by King Hussein, Princess Alia, were with Palestine-born publisher Naim Attallah at the Arts Club in Mayfair celebrating the launch of her book, *Duet for Freedom*. Writing under the name Dina Abdel Hamid, she persuaded master spy author John le Carre to contribute a foreword.

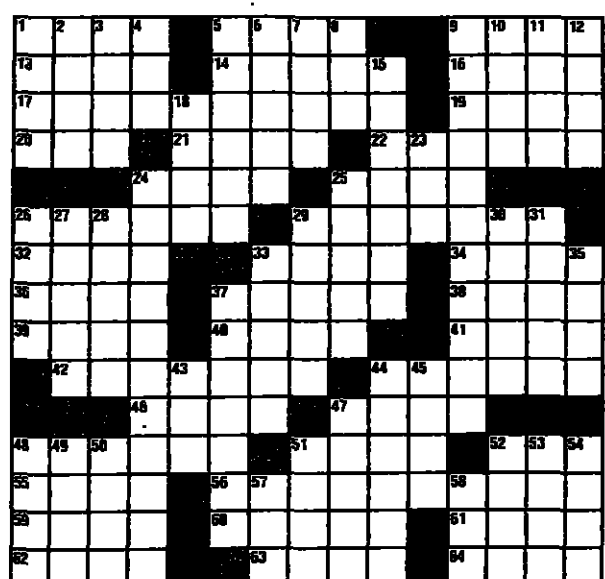
"It was a story she had to tell," says Attallah, who runs Quartet Books. As the Israeli forces were advancing, she left her home in Lebanon for Cairo, hearing later that Salah was imprisoned in Israel's notorious Anshar prison camp.

Negotiated

It was she who negotiated with the Israeli government for the release of thousands of prisoners in exchange for six Israeli soldiers held by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"It's a very moving story of her life from the start of his imprisonment and her efforts to free him," he adds. Le Carre became involved in their real life drama when he was researching his bestseller *The Little Drummer Girl* — the PLO representative he was to meet had stood him up, and Salah stepped in looking, in Le Carre's words, like a real life version of a Hollywood star.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Harangue
 - 5 Dad
 - 9 Attire
 - 13 Friend, in
 - 14 See 26 Down
 - 16 General Bradley
 - 17 Grimm intruder
 - 19 Be fond of
 - 20 Before
 - 21 Pitch-black
 - 22 Depress
 - 24 Fella
 - 25 Take care of
 - 26 Twinkling
 - 29 At ease
 - 32 October
 - 33 Unfreeze
 - 34 Senator from Tennessee
 - 36 Metal eater
 - 37 Rescues
 - 38 Overcast
 - 39 Communal bread
 - 40 Birch or maple
 - 41 Town near Padua
 - 42 Curl
 - 44 Blanket
 - 46 Put on weight
 - 47 "On Your —"
 - 48 Having new life
 - 51 Ouse feeder
 - 52 Morris or Garfield, e.g.
 - 55 Mars: Prefix
 - 56 Guiding principle
 - 59 Damsel
 - 60 Facets
 - 61 God of war
 - 62 Rose of Cincinnati
 - 63 Shoe shape
 - 64 Army eating place
- DOWN
- 1 Indignation
 - 2 Love, in Madrid

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPIN LIAR COMA
TETE ACRE AURIC
ORAL WAAC TREAT
WILLIAMBOARD
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SPACE MUSIC OLA
KATHERINE CORNER
IGO PESTS ROADS
MENE STY END
STENCIL ANE ASS
TINELIZABETH
HEART TORY ASOR
ALLEY OREM BONE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TEST YOUR PLAY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ 10 6 5 2
♥ A Q J 4
♦ 4
♣ J 7 6 3

WEST
♦ A J
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ A Q 10

EAST
♦ K 7
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 4 2

SOUTH
♦ Q 8 4 3
♥ 10 7
♦ A K J 2
♣ K 9

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dbl
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: 10 of ♦

Do you reason logically at the bridge table? If so, you should come up with the winning line on this hand.

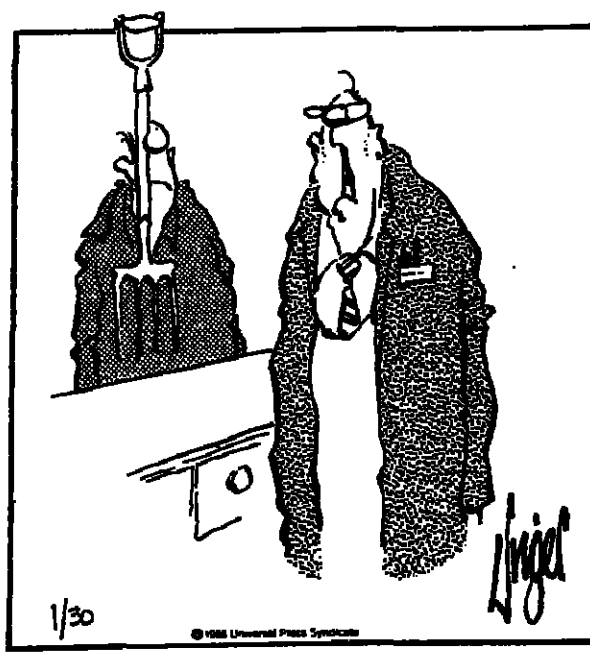
The diamond lead doesn't really help you all that much. You have two certain losers in trumps and must concede a trick to the ace of clubs. To make your game, the heart finesse will have to work and you must limit your club losers to one. That's actually a redundancy,

for if the heart finesse succeeds, you can repeat it and discard a club on the third round of hearts. While doing all this, you must keep East off play to prevent a lead through your club king, since West's double makes it likely that he holds the ace of that suit.

Therefore, you cannot afford to draw trumps before tackling hearts. It is quite likely that East holds a high trump, and his club return will defeat you before you even get started. So after winning the first trick in hand lead the ten of hearts. Since it is immaterial whether or not West covers, let's presume he does not. When the ten wins, repeat the finesse and cash the ace of hearts for a club discard.

Is it time to lead a trump? Not yet! If you do, and the cards lie as in the diagram, West will win the jack, cash the ace of clubs and lead his last heart. East will ruff with the king and you will lose three trumps and the ace of clubs.

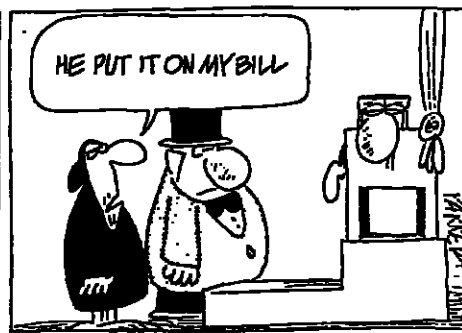
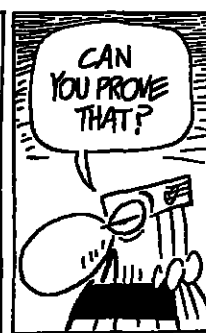
How do you avoid this catastrophe? Simple. First lead the table's last heart and discard your king of clubs! No matter who wins the trick, when you regain the lead you will be able to lead trumps, and limit your losers to two trumps and a heart.



"Ralphy ... what did you use to get that new glue off your finger?"

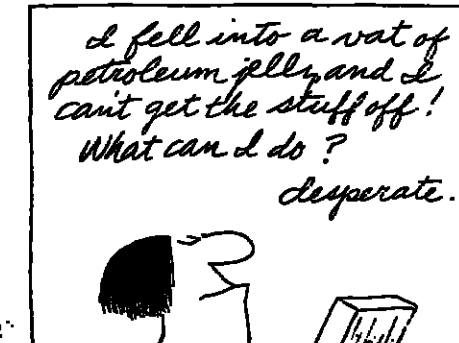
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have some doubts but they will quickly be dispelled. A small kindness will be greatly appreciated. You should not be in too great a hurry. Be malleable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Remember it costs nothing to say thank you. Make sure you get enough none too strenuous exercise. Take a few moments to reflect on what has been happening. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to make a few changes but should consider them carefully first. Do not expect to have everything your own way. Avoid mixing up what is what you would like to be. Be a little more generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not retreat quite so much into yourself. Try not to lose touch with an old friend. You should make sure you do not over-commit yourself. Be a little more adventurous — within limits.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to sort out an old problem. You should not try to do by force something that you have not been able to do by charm or persuasion. Not too many things all at once. Be loyal.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will tend to be rather more vulnerable so do not expose yourself. Try to keep things simple and do not get into an argument. Not everything will be to your liking. Be more tolerant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will know just what is the right thing to do in the circumstances. No harm in a little lie-in, but do not spend too long in bed. Make sure you do not do anything detrimental to your health. Be sincere.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have plenty to do and you should not be in too great a hurry to do it. The prospects in your private life are a lot better. You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Be lucid.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have something to be quite pleased about but do not let it go to your head. You should not do anything that would be tiring. Others will show a little more understanding for your problems. Be more matter of fact.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You should keep a promise you have made however awkward it is to do so. Do not make a mountain out of a molehill and do not go to extremes. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to relax in good company today. Do not expect others to agree with everything you say. There is no need for pessimism just now, but you must not be complacent. Be cordial.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Your intuitive powers will not be as perceptive as you might think they are. You should try to show a little more sympathy towards a friend who is having some problems.

Ignore foreign newsmen — Cory

PRESIDENT Corason Aquino said Filipinos should stop listening to foreign reporters who dash in and out of the country and mislead national opinion.

"It is time we do not allow these short-time journalists to influence us in our thinking," she told members of the local press. "I insist they live here to know the situation better."

She made the comment when asked to elaborate on a speech in which she said the country had faltered in seeking a national purpose, adding: "our nationalism... should turn on something higher than the insults of short-time journalists."

Screen stars arrested on drugs charge

TWO movie actresses and a television newscaster were arrested by operatives of the PC Capital Regional Command (Capcom) for alleged possession of prohibited drugs during a raid in a suspected dope den in Quezon City.

Taken for investigation at the Capcom North Sector headquarters were Beth Bautista and her sister Susan; and Antonio Asense, 35, of 36-B Scout Fernandez st., Kamuning, Quezon City.

The Bautista sisters were released by the arresting team after undergoing interrogation.

However, Asense, reported to be a newscaster of the government-owned PTV-4 was charged with violation of the Dangerous Drugs Code for possession of "shabu," a prohibited concoction derived from cocaine.

Missing: 1,700 kms of highways

MISSING: 1,700 kilometres of Philippine highways. If found, contact the Department of Public Works.

Public Works Secretary Juanito Ferrer told a House of Representatives committee that a recent survey found the government had been paying about P8 million a year for maintenance of roads that did not exist.

Ferrer said corrupt officials were apparently pocketing the funds.

He said most of the "ghost highways" were located in the Northern Luzon stronghold of ousted President Marcos. Others were in Central Luzon, the Central Visayas islands and Mindanao.

President Aquino pledged to curb corruption, which was rampant during the Marcos administration. But Filipino political commentators and others claim corruption remains widespread in the government.

Aussie slain by NPA rebels

BAOLOC CITY: An Australian was shot to death allegedly by members of the New People's Army in sitio Campayas, barangay Carabalan, Himamaylan last week, the military said Tuesday.

Killed was John William Taylor, 42, a resident of the area since December 11, 1987.

The military report said Taylor was shot at his home by five communist guerrillas because of his support for the military.

He was married to Patricia Trinidad of Carabalan and was raising hogs and poultry in the area, the report said.

Meanwhile, Reynaldo Inventor, immigration alien control officer based in Bacolod, said Taylor was not on his list of foreigners residing in the province and many have had only a visitor's visa.

Radio, TV stations warned

The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) warned radio and television stations against allowing themselves to be used as propaganda vehicles of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA).

The NTC also described as "acts of terrorism" the recent burning of a radio station and the attempted burning of another station near Bacolod City last July 27.

NTC Commissioner Jose Luis Alcuaz said that "even if there is competition among the broadcast media, the media should have common policies and make a common stand when their own safety is concerned."

Alcuaz said that "by burning the transmitter of radio station DYHB, the NPA is apparently trying to teach media and the government a lesson."

Telephone call by Aquino clinches release

Captured Filipino fishermen return home

THE 48 Filipino fishermen in Kota Kinabalu jail who were ordered released by the Malaysian court after the government prosecution panel dropped its appeal were seized by the Philippine Air Force plane last week.

The three fishing vessels — Jasin, Ranger 16 and Ranger 17 which were impounded — were also released.

Malaysian authorities said they would also remit \$17,500 in sales proceeds from the fish caught by the fishermen and sold at public auction.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus said the overseas telephone conversation between President Aquino and Malaysian Prime Minister Mohammed Mahathir had facilitated the release of the fishermen.

Manglapus also said that Malaysia has hinted their intention to resolve the issue of their maritime boundaries with the Philippines.

However, Manglapus said, tackling the border dispute was not simple.



The Filipino fishermen who were detained by the Malaysian authorities in Kota Kinabalu jail.

Poisoned fish kill 60 people in Sulu

By M. Feliciano

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Sixty persons have died of fish poisoning since the start of this month in the coastal villages of Patikul, Sulu, the 3rd Coast Guard District Command here said yesterday.

Capt Salvador Peran said that one family in Liang village, Patikul, died last July 30 after they ate fish that had floated on a swamp which had been treated with poison to kill mangrove trees.

Reports reaching the Coast Guard said that the other week, a Malaysian had visited Liang village to demonstrate to residents how to kill mangrove trees with the use of a poison named Gramoxon.

Peran said that the head of the ill-fated family had tried out the poison in a swamp. The family, seeing the fish floating, gathered them, and cooked them, it was reported.

Coast Guard spokesman Lt Cmdr Benjamin Palafox said a Filipino worker from Malaysia also arrived recently in Sulu, bringing with him the same poisonous chemical for fishing purposes.

Palafox said the same poison could have killed many people living in the coastal villages of Patikul as reports reaching his office showed that 60 persons died after eating fish.

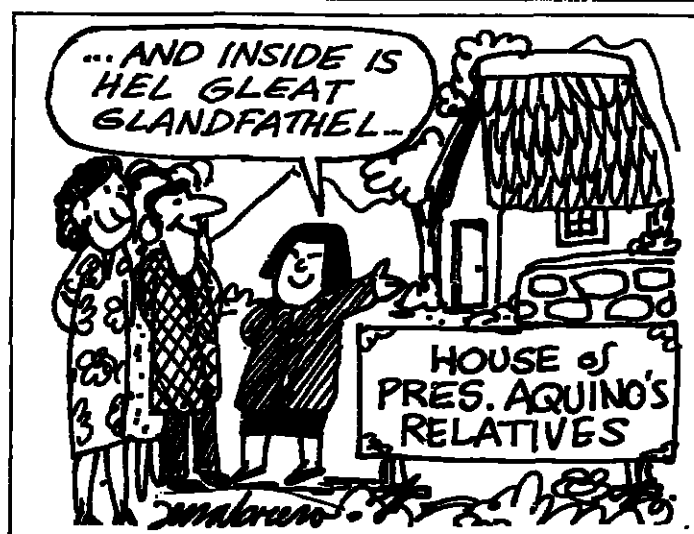
The Sulu Coast Guard Thursday afternoon said two were reported to have died in Buansa Indanan, Sulu and three, in Maimbung after they ate poisoned fish. The Maimbung residents reportedly died in a hospital.

In Zamboanga City, seven persons were hospitalized for alleged fish poisoning after eating galunggong in Arena Blanco, a Muslim village.

Coast Guard authorities said they believed dried fish brought to Zamboanga from Sulu could have caused the poisoning.

Regional Health Director Dr Mila Fernandez, when contacted by the Inquirer, confirmed the fish poisoning incident in Patikul.

She, however, advised the public not to panic as the military and health authorities in the region are investigating the incidents.



Chinese cash in on Aquino's past

BEIJING: Philippine President Corason Aquino's ancestral village in China has been declared an open area for tourists and given funds to attract thousands of visitors.

Ms Aquino visited the home of her great-grandfather in Hong-gian village in the coastal province of Fujian last April. Since then, 10,000 Chinese and foreign tourists have followed in her wake, reports the New China News Agency.

Local authorities have allocated 400,000 yuan (\$110,000) to build tourist facilities, including a bathing beach and a shop.

Being an open area, foreign tourists will no longer need a special permit to visit the village.

The ancestral hall of the Kho clan — the Chinese side of Ms Aquino's family — has been restored. It was vandalized in the 1960s during the Cultural Revolution.

Faith healer says he can cure AIDS!

STO. TOMAS, Pampanga — A psychic healer here has been drawing patients from as far as England, the United States, China, West Germany and Japan after word spread that he has treated some people suffering from cancer and AIDS.

Dominador Sambo, 46, claimed he has treated one AIDS sufferer and that he was in the process of treating two others from Olongapo City.

He said treatment of AIDS-afflicted persons normally takes four months with his own invented herbal medicines and psychic procedure.

Sambo, who is also engaged in buying and selling antique woodcraft, has been practicing psychic treatment only during Wednesdays and Fridays at the San Vicente barangay chapel.

Some patients who were interviewed by newsmen during one of his healing sessions said that Sambo had not been charging them for his treatment.

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Perestroika will help Philippines: Laurel

Hope for better ties with Soviets

THE Soviet Union and the Philippines are expected to enjoy further better friendship and co-operation as Moscow continues to pursue its restructuring programme, known as perestroika.

This view was shared by Philippine Vice-President Salvador Laurel and Sen. Leticia Ramos Shahani in separate interviews with Novosti Press Agency after visiting the USSR.

"I believe that glasnost and perestroika which are under way in the Soviet Union would help us in the Philippines to look forward to a better relations with the Soviet Union in all spheres," said Shahani, who was a member of an 11-member group of Filipino legislators who recently visited the USSR.

While the Soviet Union and the Philippines have a different political system, Shahani said "we have a very solid stand for bettering our cultural and economic relations."

Shahani, who is the chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said that besides the reciprocity of their visit to the Soviet Union the Filipino legislators were anxious to push some joint ventures to better the trade relations between the two countries.

What impressed her most, Shahani said, "was the sincerity of the policy of the Soviet government aimed at fulfilling the needs of the Soviet people."

"I'm positively sure that perestroika and glasnost in the Soviet Union are really working and really felt by everyone," she added.

Laurel, on the other hand, said that the "prospects for closer relations between the USSR and the Philippines are very bright."

Laurel, who made an unofficial visit to the Soviet capital after a similar trip to the German Democratic Republic, Cze-

choslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, described the new Soviet programme as "a very dynamic idea."

"I think the rest of the world is watching very attentively the implementation of perestroika and glasnost," Laurel said. "They like the idea because it creates good prospect for world peace and development."

Laurel said his visit to Moscow was a learning experience "to know more about the Russian people and the Soviet government."

During his brief stay, Laurel met a number of Soviets, including scientists, politicians and plain citizens.

"Seeing with your own eyes, hearing with your own ears is one thousand times better than reading a book which is not always completely correct," Laurel pointed out.

"I wanted to know and open more windows in my mind."



Cutting the chains of graft and corruption

HOW often have Filipinos complained about graft and corruption only to be sucked into the day-to-day routines which involve some form of "fixing" — getting a driver's license, the long paid by jeepney drivers, the "coffee money" handed to police officers who haul us for traffic infractions. Even students in school are said to be paying off teachers to pass a test, or buying ready-made term papers from shops around the University Belt.

Sometimes we are prompted to think that it would indeed be impossible for government to begin to turn a new leaf because "paying off" has simply become a way of life.

It has come to the point where people cheer the good fortune that has come the way of a friend or relative who works in the Bureau of Customs or the Bureau of Internal Revenue because this is a sure way of getting rich. And even the most humble tax collector or customs examiner can parade his newly acquired wealth and no one dares to question the source of his riches.

People congratulate those who join government because they look to the appointment as an entry to power and money. The attitude has been borne out by our experience with the Marcos regime. How many bureaucrats have ended up with more wealth than could be added up from their salaries and allowances? But to this day, we have yet to really see anyone charged for the crime of hidden or unexplained wealth.

The strength of President Aquino continues to lie in the public conviction of her integrity and incorruptibility. But there are now serious doubts about her resolve to go after officials, relatives or friends who have been linked to rumours of corruption. At this point, official expressions of determination to go after big-time grafters seem to have a hollow ring.

Clearly, the newly activated Presidential Committee on Public Ethics and Accountability can regain a measure of credibility if it can get at some big offenders, the big fish that almost always manage to slip past the net of accountability. If the Executive Branch wants to have its statements taken seriously, it should visibly support and encourage all efforts; even those emanating from other branches of government or from the public, to follow through the charges.

It may help to remember that citizen's vigilance can help fight graft and corruption in government. And the people can draw down the account of those elective representatives who may think they need not answer to anyone for their misdeeds.

But perhaps we also need to examine our national collective conscience and resolve that we have to do our part to liberate our own selves from the chain of corruption as a way of life.

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Travellers to West Germany warned

THE Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) has issued a warning on the stringent immigration procedures being imposed on Filipino travellers to West Germany.

Labour Attache Herminio Santos, in a report to Labour Secretary Franklin M. Drilon, said this is particularly true for travellers passing through the Frankfurt Airport where Filipinos are segregated upon disembarking for interrogation.

"The immigration authorities

at the Frankfurt Airport are practicing the Nazi-Gestapo style of handling Filipino passengers. This results to an average of five to six Filipinos per flight being denied entry and flown back on the same day," Santos said.

He said that the Philippine Embassy has already notified the German Foreign Office and the Ministry of Interior, which have supervision over immigration authorities, regarding the discriminatory treatment of Filipino travellers.

Manilans fear for their lives

By Rommel C. de Guzman

MANILA, (AE) Most Metro Manilans fear for their lives and the safety of their homes.

A survey on people's perception of public safety in Metro Manila, conducted last March by the Social Weather Stations and the Ateneo de Manila University, shows that more than half of the metropolis' eight-million residents are afraid to walk in the streets at night because they think it unsafe. Sixty-six per cent are afraid to leave their homes unattended for fear that robbers might break in.

The survey, which polled 300 respondents, has found no improvement in Metro Manilans' perception of public safety in the streets and in their homes since 1985, the last few months of the Marcos government.

Conducted

The survey asked if the people feel safe or afraid to walk in the streets at night and if they are afraid that robbers may break into their homes.

Four other surveys were conducted jointly by SWSs and Ateneo de Manila. The first was done in May 1986 on 500 Metro Manila residents. The others were done in October 1986, March 1987 and October 1987, each on 300 respondents.

For comparison, SWSs included the Socio-Political Opinion Survey of July 1985, conducted by the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference on 500 respondents in Metro Manila.

In July 1985 more than half of Metro Manilans, or 57 per cent, were afraid to walk in the streets at night because they thought it unsafe. This level of fear coincides with that of the March 1988 survey, which recorded 53 per cent. It increased in October 1987, one month after the September coup attempt, which frightened 59 per cent not to go out in the streets at night.

Two out of three Metro Manilans, or 66 per cent, agreed in March 1988 that people in their neighbourhood were afraid that robbers might break into their homes. Again, the level of fear about the safety of homes against break-ins had not significantly changed since July 1985, when 64 per cent felt the same way.

The improvement in the people's perception of safety in the streets and in homes in Metro Manila happened three months after the EDSA Revolution, when only 46 per cent were afraid to walk in the streets at night, and only 55 per cent felt that their homes were unsafe. These levels, however, were not sustained for long. (Associated Editors).

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Cumulative influence of colonial policies since 1898

The Americanisation of the Philippines

By Shay Cullen

"SEE, Judge and Act" was an impressive slogan that many a grown student might well remember. It was the way in which the once powerful Student Catholic Action (SCA) trained their leaders and taught their members to be aware of social reality, think for themselves and have the courage to take decisive action on moral and social issues. We need more of that today.

Was it the imposition of Martial Law or the accompanying onslaught of the worst in Western materialistic values that turned many young people against their own culture and moved them to embrace that of their former colonial master?

It is hard to say, but there is no doubt that many high school and college students in the Philippines today are more interested in seeing and judging a pair of 'Stateside' jeans than Philippine moral and social issues.

This is the result of the Americanisation of the Philippines, a process that has been going on since 1898 when the US government first occupied the Philippines and soiled itself with its own oppressive colonial policies.

Today we can see its cumulative influence in the appling population and

their preference for everything foreign. The thriving PX trade around the US military bases is one indication of a pervading colonial mentality. The advertising corporation reinforce this by making Caucasian models promote various products.

Wrong

One company tells us that their product has "The secret of Europe's Beautiful Skin," prompting us to ask what's wrong with Asian or Filipino beautiful skin?

Movement.

This attitude has had its cultural impact on the Filipino's self-image. They are made to think of themselves as inferior, and this may sap self-confidence and national pride and perhaps contribute to that alleged "Juan Tamad" mentality.

Some people apparently think of their fellow Filipinos as less valuable as persons. Others, who would be shocked and enraged if their children were to be sexually

relations are accepted with a complacency that makes one think that the colonial mentality is at work. "If it's alright for the foreigners, it must be right," many apparently believe.

Olongapo and other communities hosting US military installations are the breeding grounds for this colonial mentality where even the sexual exploitation of children is tolerated for the sake of business.

There is plenty of imitation going on in Olongapo. Some big discotheques that usually cater to US sailors and their girls have an afternoon matinee for children who flock to imitate their often times drunken or drug-taking elders. The children soon learn the wrong lesson. One 14-year-old was befriended by US sailors outside a disco and was invited by them to a nearby beach for sex. A young high school boy was picked up at a disco by a 27-year-old woman and became her regular sex partner with drugs and alcohol thrown in. Then there was another boy who got a part-time job in Olongapo's entertainment industry after classes — as a strip dancer in a gay club.

Then of course there are the thousands of street children who sell sex to foreigners. When I interviewed two small boys aged ten and twelve in Pagsanjan

recently, they said they admired the foreign customers they slept with and that there was nothing wrong with it because they were Kano.

It's amazing our bishops have so little to say about the scandalous plight of our children. It's high time we got together to turn the tide of sexual exploitation of children and the permissiveness that seems to allow it to flourish. What is now needed is fearless and outspoken moral leadership by bishops and the religious everywhere.

Colonial brainwashing has produced an attitude where deference is frequently given to foreigners and discrimination to Filipinos. The slavish adherence of some military leaders and politicians to US policy has Filipinos killing and exploiting Filipinos. Over the years thousands of Filipinos will die defending US policy in the ricefields of Mindanao and the mountains of Luzon. Many of them will be soldiers who are told nothing except that "America knows best."

If there is such widespread tolerance of sexual exploitation and perversity, it would not be too difficult to exercise the same tolerance for the US military facilities and US propaganda that culture such permissive and perverse ways of thinking.

PBA All-Filipino Conference

Purefoods clip San Miguel Beer

RAMON Fernandez fired a season-high best of 47 points as he powered Purefoods to a pulsating 132-125 victory over San Miguel Beer in the PBA All-Filipino Conference at the Ultra.

Fernandez, finally overcoming a slump, uncorked 20 points in the first quarter alone as he sparked his team to its ninth victory and a solo lead in the semifinals.

"Thank, God, I've regained my old form," Fernandez said. "I feel I'm getting closer into the groove of my game. This is the first time in the season that I had played this long (39 minutes)."

Aside from his game-high 47 points, which was a point shy of his career best of 48 points, Fernandez also issued 11 assists, grabbed seven rebounds and stole twice in a magnificent display of first-class basketball that has been his trademark before he took on the tough job of being playing-coach of Purefoods at the start of the 1988 season.

"This is a crucial victory for us," said Chris Calilan, who replaced Fernandez as coach early in the series. "We really prepared hard for this game. The victory boosted the morale of the boys."

Ludovico Valenciano flashed

his deadliest form this season to engineer Alaska Milk's 122-104 demolition of Great Taste Instant Milk.

Fielded in the second quarter, Valenciano canned nine of his 19 points in that period in a sizzling 13-point Alaska uprising to send the Milkmen to a 36-7 margin.

Great Taste fell deeper to the cellar at 6-7.

SCORES

FIRST GAME

Alaska 122 — Valenciano 32, Pearson 16, Refosa 15, Villanueva 12, M. Saldaña 12, Aklor 10, Polistico 7, Lazaro 6, Lim 5, Ravanesa 5, Colon 2.

GTIM 104 — Tansil 25, Caidic 22, Jarrovin 18, Cabana 13, Co 10, Cacer 7, Abutano 6, Cristobal 2, King 1, Robles 0, Santos 0.

Quarters: 21-26; 65-47; 89-69; 122-104.

Refs: C. Ocampo Jr., A. Bartolome, L. Salas Jr.

SECOND GAME

Purefoods 132 — Fernandez 47, Lasdonosa 24, Patrimonio 14, Codinera 12, Solis 11, Marquez 10, Generoso 8, Tannan 4, Capacio 2.

San Miguel 125 — Brown 22, Cabana 20, Reyes 18, Galdames 17, Dignadice 15, Teng 15, Graves 9, Pumaras 5, Alvario 2, Yturri 2, Cui.

Quarters: 45-27; 67-59; 97-92; 132-125.

Refs: G. Ledesma, R. Benabe, E. de Leon.

PBA ALL-FILIPINO Semifinal Round

Team	Standings	W	L
Purefoods	9	4	4
San Miguel	8	5	5
Alaska	8	5	5
Anglo Ram 65	7	6	6
Great Taste	6	7	7

The scandal that nearly brought down a government now becomes a movie

By Marina Shamoon

It was the sex scandal that rocked a nation and it had every possible ingredient.

It began with a naked model in a peer's swimming pool and ended in the resignation of a top minister — and a government in disarray. It involved a society doctor, MIS, a Soviet agent and upper-class call girls.

It was, of course, the Profumo Affair. And even now, 25 years after the sensational revelations hit the headlines, it still remains the biggest sex scandal of them all.

It became as synonymous with the swinging sixties as the Beatles, the mini skirt and thick black eyeliner.

Yet now it is being brought back firmly into the eighties... thanks to a new film about the steamy saga — aptly named *Scandal*.

British actress Joanne Whalley plays raven-haired temptress Christine Keeler, while Bridget Fonda, daughter of Peter, niece of Jane and grand-daughter of Henry, plays Mandy Rice-Davies. Top actor Ian McKellan is John Profumo and John Hurt stars as Stephen Ward, society osteopath and friend of Keeler and Davies.

Britt Ekland — no stranger to scandal herself — also gets in the thick of the movie action, playing a sixties raver called Mariella.

Easy

But it won't be an easy task making a film which improves on the real-life happenings that brought a government to its knees. For never has so much attention been given to so few. How many of us can forget, for example, Mandy Rice-Davies' famous expression: "He would, wouldn't he," when Lord Astor denied their liaison.

For one man in particular, John Profumo, the move is bound to rekindle many regrets. As a rising political star his background had been impeccable. He was born into a noble Italian family, educated at Harrow and Oxford and entered politics at the age of just 25. And with his intelligence, wit and good looks, quickly climbed the ranks of the Conservative Party, becoming War Secretary to the Macmillan government.

At the age of 39, he married actress Valerie Hobson and was so highly regarded by many, that it seemed only a matter of time until he took over the party's leadership.

But it was not to be. For on a summer's day at Cliveden, Lord Astor's country estate, he met Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies. The rest, as they say, is history.

Keeler and Rice-Davies were two young, good-time girls, mixing with wealthy, title and powerful people.

Mandy Rice-Davies was 19, blonde and beautiful. She had left home at the age of 16 when she became disillusioned with working in a department store. She wanted a life of adventure and excitement and headed for

The Profumo Affair, which led to the disgrace of War Minister John Profumo, is still perhaps the biggest sex scandal of them all. Now, 25 years after the startling revelations hit the headlines, the fateful frolics of call girls Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies are to be brought to life in a new movie — not surprisingly called *Scandal*.



Mandy Rice-Davies (left) and Christine Keeler. The two call-girls above are played by Bridget Fonda (below, left) and Joanne Whalley.



the bright lights of London, where she found work as a dancer in a nightclub.



There, Mandy met Christine Keeler, another dancer at the club and they became friends.



A scene from the film: John Profumo's moment of defeat, lying to the House of Commons.

Keeler introduced her to Polish immigrant Peter Rachman, the notorious slum landlord, and Stephen Ward, through whom they mixed with celebrities and high society.

It was a strange existence — but an exciting one. On Mandy's 17th birthday, for example, Peter Rachman gave her a Jaguar car complete with a forged driving licence. There seemed no end to the fun....

The beginning of the end came however when Keeler met Profumo at a party at Cliveden. She had discarded an ill-fitting swimsuit and as she emerged from the pool naked Profumo was immediately attracted to her and invited her to lunch.

Also at the party was Russian 'diplomat' Eugene Ivanov, whom Christine was madly keen on. She later claimed Ivanov had taken her to bed that evening.

A few days later though Keeler and Profumo met at Ward's flat... and an affair began. It was hardly a secret liaison... MIS knew about it, as did most of their friends and a large part of high society. But the plot thickened when Christine told Mandy that Ivanov had asked her to obtain information regarding the delivery date of nuclear warheads to West Germany, but she had refused to help him. Now there was a whiff of a spy scandal as well.

Next, Christine went to live with a West Indian called Johnny Edgecombe. She had always enjoyed taking pot and started to frequent black clubs where it could be easily obtained.

Rumours

As she did so rumours about her affair with Profumo began to circulate openly in society circles. Ward, a notorious gossip, never failed to mention it at dinner parties he was invited to... and it was only a matter of time before it hit the headlines.

But Christine and her boyfriend Johnny brought things to a climax much quicker than anyone had supposed. Johnny pulled out a gun and fired shots at the keyhole when Christine locked herself in Ward's flat. The police were called and hot on their heels were newspaper reporters who seemed to already know all about her liaison with Profumo. They even knew of letters the politician had written to her and offered her money for them.

Soon the pressure from the press became unbearable and both Christine and Mandy decided they wanted to leave the country.

Christine approached Profumo for money, but he was advised to turn her down as it might have been seen as incriminating evidence. But it wasn't long before Christine began to reveal in the attention she was getting. She was hounded by TV camera crews and jumped at the chance to sell her story to newspapers. She fled the country leaving Mandy to give evidence at the trial of Johnny Edgecombe. He was subsequently sentenced to seven years in jail.

Keeler's absence caused uproar. The front page of newspapers called banner headlines with her name and the whole country wanted to know the whereabouts of Christine. Stories began circulating about the connection between Profumo and Keeler. There were questions that demanded an answer.

Nervous

Profumo grew nervous at the allegations made against him and decided to put an end to them by preparing a statement which he read in the House of Commons, categorically denying that he helped Keeler to disappear and that he may have been involved in some breach of security. He assured the House that "There had been no impropriety in this association."

The deception worked its spell for a while. Then, the Home Secretary Henry Brooke asked the police to make enquiries into Ward's personal life.

Ward felt that if he wasn't careful he would become involved in the greater scandal that Profumo was involved in, so he wrote to Brooke and opposition leader Harold Wilson telling them of Profumo's affair with Keeler.

Now with harassment and speculation from the press and the House, Profumo had to answer renewed allegations. He finally confessed in a letter to the Prime Minister Macmillan, that he had deluded him and the honourable members of the House and was guilty of 'gross misdemeanour'. He handed in his resignation.

Meanwhile, Stephen Ward was arrested and charged with



The UK Houses of Parliament were rocked by a sex scandal involving: (inset, left to right) Dr Stephen Ward, Christine Keeler, war minister John Profumo, and Mandy Rice-Davies.

running a high-class vice ring that included Christine and Mandy and living on their immoral earnings. Keeler and Rice-Davies were to be the chief prosecution witnesses. Keeler flew into London from her hideout in Spain in a storm of publicity and when she arrived at the court someone threw eggs at her.

Withdraw

At the end of the trial, when the judge summed up the case, it was obvious that he was directing the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty. That evening, Stephen returned home and took an overdose. He never lived to hear the verdict of the court.

Profumo withdrew from public life and has never spoken

about the affair. With his faithful wife by his side, they have worked tirelessly for charity in London's East End. He was awarded the CBE in 1975.

Eugene Ivanov was dismissed from Russian Intelligence in 1965 and vanished without a trace.

Meanwhile, Keeler now

twice married and twice divorced is bringing up her son Seymour on her own.

Mandy Rice-Davies has carved a successful life for herself. She married a foreigner Rafael Shaul and they set up home abroad where their daughter Dana was born. She opened a nightclub there called Mandy. When the marriage broke up, she returned to London where she became an actress and authoress. But she still remains a little surprised at the impact she and Christine had.

"We didn't think for a second that Harold Macmillan's government would finally collapse," she says. "You have to remember we were both very young at the time."



John Hurt as Stephen Ward on trial at the Old Bailey.

Bob Hoskins shares the honours with a rabbit!

By Jo Mears

VETERAN film star Bob Hoskins' latest role — in which he co-stars with a rabbit — really takes the carrot. And now he is hopping all the way to the bank.

For in the new movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, the larger-than-life superstar has landed the role of a private eye, while his co-star is none other than floppy-eared lovable rabbit, named Roger.

The movie, which has already proved a massive hit with American audiences, uses the very latest film technology... and has seen Hoskins become a huge success with children as well as adults.

Because while Hoskins, who has starred in blockbuster movies such as *The Long Good Friday* appears as normal, Roger is a cartoon character. Bob says: "I fell in love with the Roger Rabbit project. I had never read a script that was so brilliant and presented such a challenge. You want to grab people and say 'you've never seen anything like this before folks.'"

The film is set in Hollywood, where famous actors mingle with celebrity cartoon characters, known as Toons.

Challenge

Toons, like humans, share all the trappings of Hollywood success and live side by side with the mega-stars in the bustling movie community. It's the wildest idea in years... and the most successful.

The film was directed by Robert Zemeckis, who masterminded the smash hit *Back To The Future*, and is based on the novel, *Who Censored Roger Rabbit?*, by Gary K. Wolf. It took an incredible eight years to make and is the most technologically advanced example of combined live action and animation in film history.

The new movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, is the hardest role tough-guy actor Bob Hoskins has ever had to play. For his carrot-eating cartoon co-star was never once on the set with him...



Bob Hoskins is handcuffed to a cartoon in the film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

It was also a great challenge to the actors and filmmakers, who had to blend the human and Toon worlds so that the Toons appeared naturally in the scenes, and not as painted characters. And that meant the actors were set the difficult task of playing scenes with empty spaces, where the Toon characters could be drawn in later.

Director Zemeckis, adds: "I believe the most important element in making us believe that Toons and humans are in the same world lies in the actors' performances. We knew we had to have a cast of performers who would have no problem playing opposite invisible co-stars."

Hoskins, who won the Best Actor honours for his role in *Mona Lisa* at the 1986 Cannes

Film Festival, plays Private Eye Eddie Valentine, who has fallen on lean times. Soon his money troubles become so bad he is forced to break a vow never to take on a case involving a Toon and quickly finds himself working on a murder case in which the chief suspect is Roger Rabbit.

Roger's voice is provided by Charles Fleischer while that of his girlfriend, Jessica Rabbit, is none other than Hollywood superstar Kathleen Turner. Her sensuous voice was perfect for sexy Jessica, who is described as having 'more curves than Mulholland Drive'.

Meanwhile Joanne Cassidy, who starred in the blockbuster movie *Bladerunner*, is Dolores, Eddie's loyal girlfriend. Like Hoskins she admits she found

the role very strange. Joanne says: "I've never exactly had average roles. With *Bladerunner*, in which I played a snake dancer, I knew I was the only one to play the part, because you don't get a lot of actresses who love snakes like I do. But it was difficult acting on an empty film set."

Actor Christopher Lloyd has hardly played run-of-the-mill roles either. He played the zany scientist, Doc Brown in *Back To The Future*. In *Roger Rabbit*, he is Judge Doom, who has wicked plans to change Toontown.

Director Zemeckis adds: "Roger Rabbit is a character all of his own. We took a classic clown pyramid shape and pointed head, then added orange pants, with pink floppy ears. Then we gave him a bow tie, a crazed look and great big feet. I guess he was a Disney body, a Warner's head and a Tex Avery attitude."

Visual

The 100 or so visual effects and 57 minutes of animation sequences, were made possible by Academy Award winner, George Gibbs, a well-known Hollywood special effects guru. It was his wizardry that made Superman "fly" and saw Indiana Jones cut through a rope bridge 280 feet high (66m) ... and survive.

His job on *Roger Rabbit*, however, was one of his most complicated ever. He had to mastermind the hydraulics, computerised electronics and micro-robotics, that enabled the cartoon characters to pick up and move around real objects. The results couldn't have been more impressive...

As film king Steven Spielberg adds: "When I first saw the tests for *Roger Rabbit* I was — and this is not an overstatement — astonished."

Bob Hoskins and millions of movie fans have been too...

By Smith

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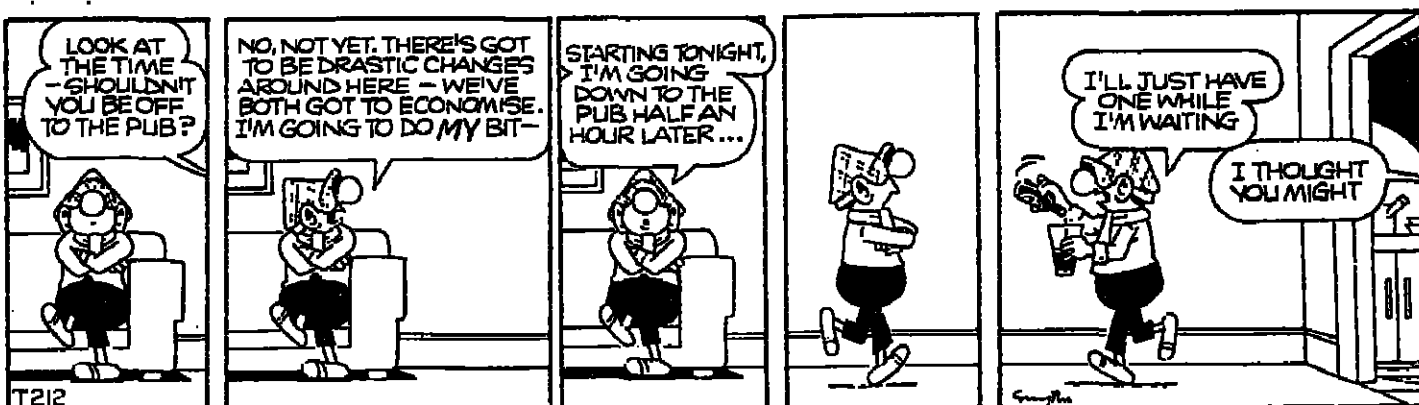
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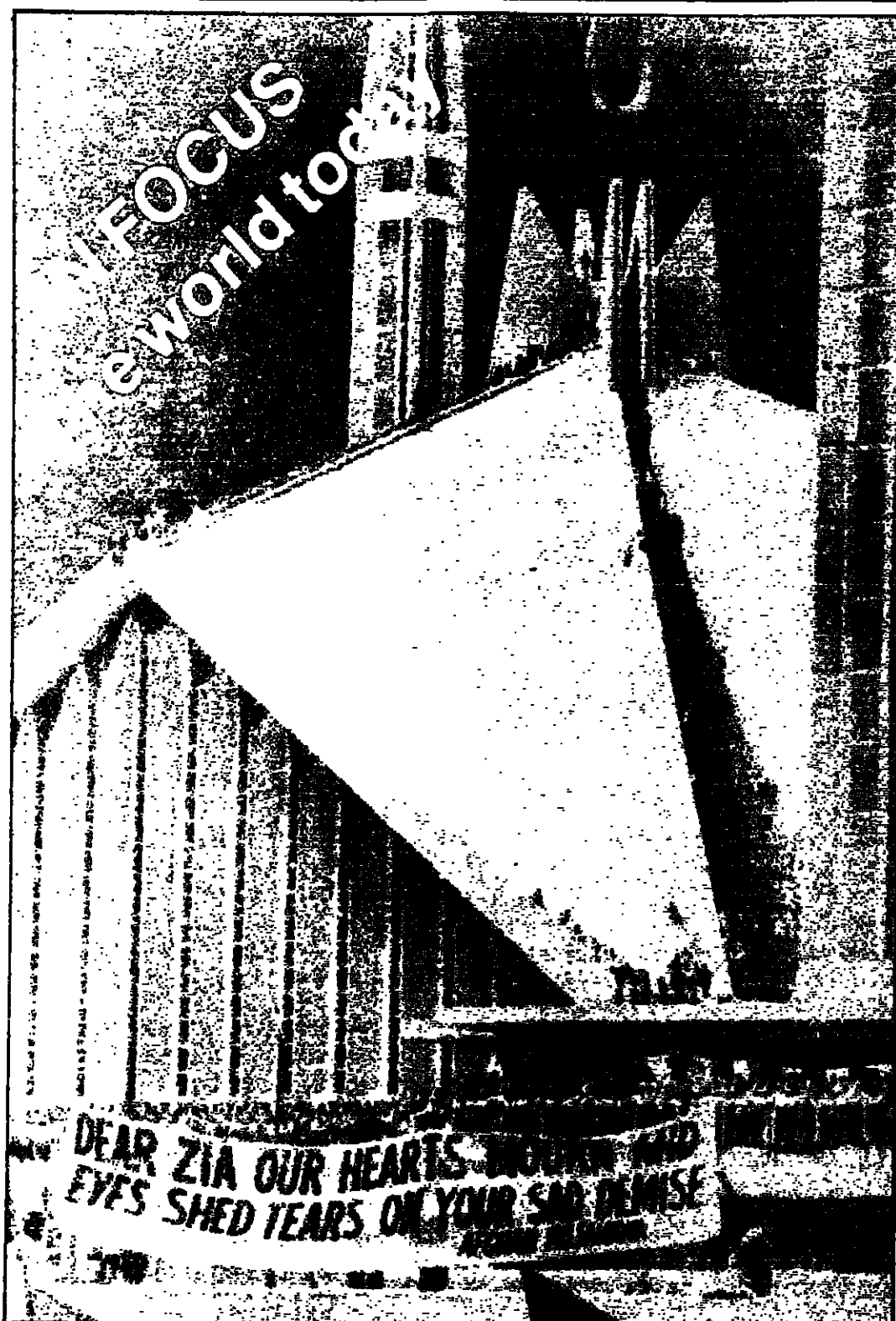
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PAKISTANIS sit atop the Faisal Mosque to get a better look at the funeral procession of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq during funeral services. A giant banner expresses the sympathy of the Afghans. (Reuter wirephoto)



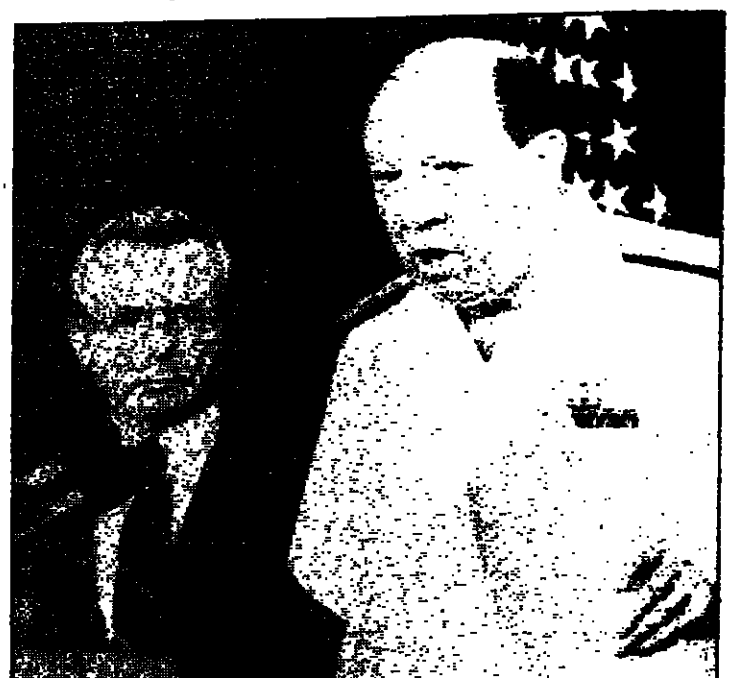
DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed (above), Indian Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha (below, left) and West German Ambassador Dr Bernd Wulffen (below, right) sign the condolence book at the Pakistani embassy in Kuwait in honour of President Zia-ul-Haq.



FLOWERS are placed on the grave of Zia. (Reuter wirephoto)



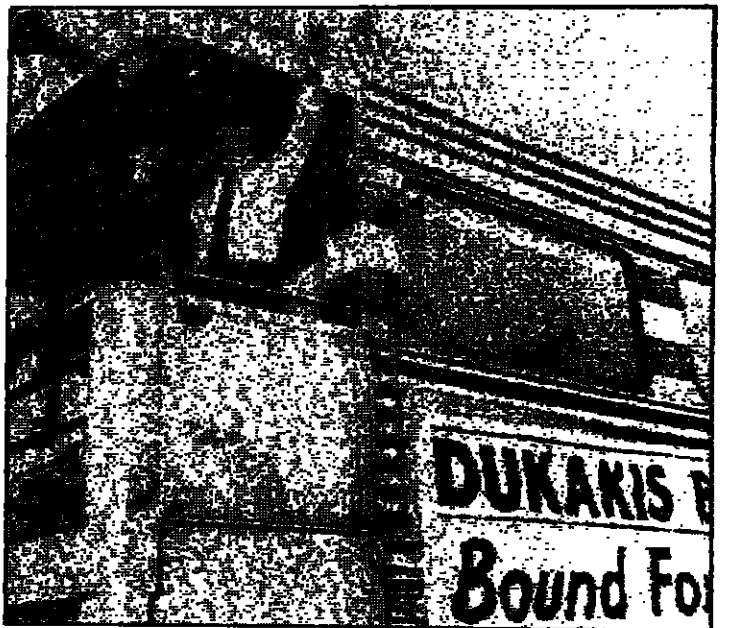
CANADIAN United Nations peace troops unload material at their headquarters near Baghdad. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHAIRMAN of US Joint Chief-of-Staff Adm. William Crowe (right) and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci holding a press conference in Washington on the USS Vincennes' shooting down of an Iranian airliner. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of State George Shultz with the new US Ambassador to Pakistan Robert Oakley (right) after a press briefing in Islamabad. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC candidate Michael Dukakis and his wife Kitty wave from the 'Duke Express' as they depart the southern Illinois town of Ballewille on a journey that will cover three states. (Reuter wirephoto)



SHULTZ and Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe lay a wreath at the grave of Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq during ceremonies in front of the Faisal Mosque. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SMALL girl riding her bicycle looks as a 'three-metre tall' man cycles past promoting a newly-opened fish restaurant in Frankfurt. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

US trade deficit widens to \$12.5b

Whirlpool and Philips unveil joint venture

NEW YORK, Aug. 20, (UPI): The US trade deficit for June increased, Whirlpool took a step toward global expansion this and the ailing oil patch's hard-hit financial community received a helping hand.

In Washington, the US trade deficit for June increased to an unexpected \$12.5 billion from a May gap that was revised downward to a nearly four-year low of \$9.9 billion, the Commerce Department said.

Analysts had forecast a gap similar to the initially reported \$10.9 billion May deficit before it was readjusted today to reflect May's Canadian imports.

The June figures, which will be revised next month, is bound to have an impact on world financial markets and on the presidential campaign.

Experts

Most economic experts hoped the June trade deterioration would prove to be a "one-month blip," said Jay Goldinger, an economist for Capital Insight Inc. in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"The trade figure was a huge disappointment and suggests that the trade deficit will find it tough to improve from current levels," said Allen Sinai, chief

economist for the Boston Co.

"The news today on trade and the recent behaviour of US financial markets and inflation is justifiable ammunition for the Democrats and doesn't make for pleasant reading for the Republicans," Sinai said.

Stocks, bonds and the dollar all dropped after the trade report showed Americans still pouring more money overseas than they brought in, reversing the slight improvements of recent months.

Surged

The skittish dollar later surged, analysts said, because the trade numbers showed imports remained strong, signalling a healthy economy to currency traders.

The department's Census Bureau said June imports were a record \$39.4 billion and exports declined from May to \$26.8 billion after adjustments for seasonal variations.

In New York, Whirlpool Corp. announced a joint venture with N.V. Philips Gloeilampenfabriek under which it would acquire a majority of Philips' major appliance business in a deal valued as high as \$939 million.

Whirlpool said the deal would

U.S. Merchandise Trade Deficits (In billions of U.S. dollars, not seasonally adjusted)			
	JUNE '88	MAY '88	JUNE '87
Japan	\$4.40	\$4.12	\$5.35
Canada	1.40	1.04	0.83
Western Europe	1.91	1.20	2.93
NIOS*	2.72	2.35	3.70

*Newly industrialized countries, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea

Source: Commerce Department

make it the world's largest "white goods" appliance company and would increase sales by as much as 50 per cent to an estimated \$6 billion annually.

Profits

The joint venture calls for the formation of a new company to develop, make, sell and service major appliances under the Philips name. Sales profits from the new venture will be consolidated with Whirlpool's.

"This is a great day for Whirlpool and a vital step toward achieving our strategies of global expansion and enhancing shareholder value," said David R. Whitman, Whirlpool's chairman and chief executive officer. The joint venture company, as

yet unnamed, will produce various appliances, including washing machines and dryers, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens and dishwashers.

In the largest single consolidation of insolvent Texas thrifts under the southwest plan, federal regulators approved the acquisition of 12 institutions by a Texas company which will provide \$48 million in fresh capital.

Under the \$1.3 billion federally assisted transaction approved by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. will provide a \$499 million note to restore the institution's net worth, capital loss coverage on certain problem assets and yield maintenance.

Assets

LSST Financial Services Corp., a subsidiary of Lone Star Technologies Inc. of Dallas, will acquire the 12 thrifts, five of them in the Dallas area, and form a new company to be called American Federal Bank FSB.

The new entity will have \$3.7 billion in assets and be headquartered in Dallas. Mary A. Credon, FSLIC's deputy executive director of operations, said it is the first such southwest plan consolidation in

which capital will be infused from sources outside the thrift industry.

Lone Star Technologies is a holding company whose businesses include the Lone Star Steel Co. and John Zink Co. in Tulsa, Okla. producing tubular goods and combustion technology and environmental equipment and services.

LSST negotiated the transaction along with Gibson Group Inc., a private investment group headed by William E. Gibson, executive vice-president of Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust in Chicago.

Meanwhile, three oil patch banks — two in Texas and one in Oklahoma — were closed by regulators, raising to 144 the number of bank failures in the United States this year.

The closure of the Texas banks brought to 88 the number of banks to fail in the state this year.

Solvency

In Los Angeles, the De Laurentiis Entertainment Group, which had been struggling to maintain solvency for the past year, filed for protection under federal bankruptcy codes.

A voluntary petition under chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code was filed in US bankruptcy

court in Los Angeles, said Stephen R. Greenwald, DEG chairman and chief executive officer.

In recent months DEG officials have tried to stabilize the company and eliminate a revolving bank debt by selling certain foreign rights to the DEG film library and its interest in Delaurentis Entertainment Ltd. in Australia, and establishing a credit arrangement with Credit Lyonnais Bank Nederland N.V. Dino De Laurentiis, noted film producer and founder of DEG, resigned as chief executive officer in February, turning the helm over to Greenwald and giving the board of directors a proxy to vote his shares of the company stock, which amounted to about 60 per cent of the shares outstanding.

Success

Known for his big-budget action-adventure movies, the Italian-born De Laurentiis has met with sporadic box-office success in recent years.

Upjohn Co. received final approval from the Federal Food and Drug Administration to sell minoxidil, its drug to treat male pattern baldness.

The drug is the nation's first prescription treatment for certain types of baldness.

World Business Summary

No plan to increase oil exports: Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20, (AP): The head of Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended a three-day visit here by announcing Mexico has agreed not to increase crude oil exports in a bid to boost world oil prices. OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said he was "satisfied and convinced" of Mexico's commitment to work with OPEC members and that he hoped "soon the world petroleum market is stabilised." Also on Friday, the Mexican oil monopoly Pemex announced it will raise prices for crude exports to American customers on Sept. 1. Prices for Mexican crude exports to Europe will not be changed, Pemex said in a statement. Mexico does not belong to OPEC but closely follows that organisation's pricing and production guidelines. Subroto met with President Miguel de La Madrid and Pemex officials before leaving on Friday for OPEC headquarters in Vienna. He said he plans to visit Iran on Aug. 28 and Iraq on Sept. 1 in an effort to persuade the two countries to reduce their oil production. On Wednesday, Subroto said he expected Iraq to return to the oil organisation "with a reasonable quota" once a ceasefire takes effect today in its 8-year-old war with Iran.

Pemex said on Friday it will increase prices for its light Isthmus and heavy Maya crude exports to the Americas by 10 cents and 30 cents, respectively, on because of a "technical adjustment in export formulas." In July, Isthmus sold for \$13.78 a barrel and Maya for \$11.21 a barrel in the Americas. Pemex said its Petroleum Trade Committee had authorised the price hikes "to align prices for exports of Mexican crude with the prevailing in the international market." It said oil contract prices for European customers would not be affected. Sales to American customers averaged 717,000 barrels daily between January and July, or 54 per cent of total Mexican petroleum exports during that period, Pemex said.

Economists see market volatility continuing

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. Aug. 20, (Reuter): Ten months after Wall Street's one-day 500-point drop, economists and scholars warned against regulatory action to curb market swings. Delegates to a conference on market volatility said yesterday that while there is no agreement on why the market crashed last October 19, they are less concerned than they were six months ago that it will happen again. They warned that regulatory action aimed at preventing another crash or reducing market volatility might create more problems than it solved. "If you don't know what part of the car has broken down it is hard to fix it... if we start trying to regulate to reduce volatility we may make as many mistakes by not understanding the impacts of what we do," Goldman Sachs International Corp. vice-chairman Robert Horvath said in an interview. Yale University professor Robert Shiller presented a paper saying there is little relation between market volatility and underlying economic factors. Other participants to the conference sponsored by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank agreed. "It is hard to believe there was any particular news event that caused the crash and it is not apparent that market fundamentals drove the market," said Columbia Professor Frederic Mishkin. Delegates also generally agreed that current market conditions did not point towards another crash soon. "I don't think we are very vulnerable now," Drexel, Burnham Lambert chief economist Richard Hoey said in an interview.

Ministers meet to review oil pricing strategy

KUTA BEACH, Indonesia, Aug. 20, (Reuter): Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia met today to review oil pricing strategy and moves to strengthen co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC members. Indonesia, the only member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) east of the Gulf, saw the ministerial meeting on the island of Bali as a step toward setting up a forum for Asian oil producers, officials said. Kasitah Gaddam, a minister in the Malaysian Prime Minister's office, told reporters both his country and Brunei backed OPEC moves to stabilise prices. "Malaysia is supportive of OPEC's action. Malaysia and Brunei are here with open minds to seek ways to stabilise oil prices," he said during a break in the talks. The meeting coincided with the start of a Gulf war ceasefire which could help OPEC strengthen internal unity and prop up crude oil prices which have sunk four dollars below the 13-member organisation's target of \$18 a barrel. Brunei's Development Minister Pengiran Datuk Ismail Damit told reporters the three countries had discussed possible regular meetings between Asian oil producers and urged other oil producers to limit production to underpin prices. Indonesian Energy Minister Giandjar Kartasasmita, a member of OPEC's five-member price committee, convened the meeting as part of a series of consultations with non-OPEC producers. The three countries produce just under two million barrels of crude oil a day. Half of Indonesia's exports go to Japan.

Progress slow on easing consumer goods shortages

MOSCOW, Aug. 20, (Reuter): Tass said today that three years of 'perestroika' had failed to eliminate shortages of many basic consumer goods and warned that support for the Kremlin's reform programme would dwindle if there was no improvement. Announcing a government plan to produce extra consumer goods worth 24 billion rubles (\$38 billion) in 1989-1990, the official Soviet news agency said economic restructuring had gone more slowly than planned. The shortage of goods was supposed to decline due to changes in the structure of the development of the economy, Tass said. But so far efforts to eliminate the shortages... have not succeeded. "The continuing scarcity of goods has an adverse impact on people's attitude to Perestroika (restructuring) and subverts their trust in the reality of the transformations planned," it said, echoing fears voiced at this June's Communist Party conference. Production of consumer goods — given a low priority over many years — was meant to have surpassed that of goods such as industrial equipment by the start of 1986, Tass said. However, this did not happen until the start of this year, leaving many consumer items in continued short supply. The government plans to boost output of light industrial goods — notably cars, television sets and video recorders — by another 18 per cent during the next five-year plan, which runs from 1991-1995, Tass added.

Sarney announces budget cuts

BRASILIA, Brazil, Aug. 20, (AP): President Jose Sarney announced a 22 per cent cut in next year's budget to bring down the massive public deficit and make up for extra costs brought on by a new constitution. In a late Thursday afternoon cabinet meeting, Sarney said the 1989 budget would include cuts in government subsidies, state companies and organs and end federal financing for state and local governments. "The government has to prepare for the new constitution," Sarney told ministers. "We have to cut spending in the amount our costs will rise. We will no longer be able to fund state and local governments even in emergencies." Though Sarney was not specific as to where the cuts in subsidies and state companies would come, he said the new budget would help slash the public deficit now running at 6 per cent of the \$300 billion GNP to just 4 per cent next year. According to the new budget, state and local governments would have to bear the costs of investments in areas normally at least partially covered by the federal government such as roads, telephone lines, low income housing, and transport. The new budget will be voted by law-makers in September, after they finish the country's new constitution.

US industry operating rate highest in 8 years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, (AP): US industry operated at 83.5 per cent of capacity in July, the highest operating level in eight years, the government reported.

Economists have expressed growing concerns that high factory operating rates and tight labour markets have begun to exert growing inflationary pressures on the economy.

The Federal Reserve, acknowledging that fact, moved last week to boost a key lending rate as a signal that it intends to tighten up further on credit as a way to dampen economic demand. Analysts said the big jump in factory operating rates was likely to stiffen the Fed's inflation-fighting resolve.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday said that the operating rate jumped 0.4 percentage point from June, when the operating rate was 83.1 per cent.

Increase

It was the fourth consecutive monthly increase and put the operating rate at its highest level since March 1980, when American factories, mines and utilities were producing at 83.7 per cent of capacity.

The operating rate at manufacturing plants climbed to 83.7 per cent of capacity, up from 83.2 per cent in June. This compared to an average over the past 20 years of 80.6 per cent.

Factories making durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, saw their operating rate rise to 82.3 per cent of capacity, up from 81.7 per cent in June while plants producing non-durable goods saw the operating rate rise to 85.8 per cent, up from 85.4 per cent.

US government has \$22.94b deficit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, (UPI): The US government ended July with a \$22.94 billion deficit, the biggest monthly shortfall since March, the Treasury Department reported yesterday.

The government took in \$60.69 billion and spent \$83.63 billion, mostly by reducing the government operating cash, the department's monthly budget statement said.

That created a monthly deficit of \$22.94 billion and brings the total budget deficit for this spending year, which began Oct. 1, to \$142.03 billion, the report said.

That was the largest monthly deficit since March, when the gap between income and outlay reached \$29.28 billion, the report said.

The year-to-date deficit is a 0.6 per cent improvement over the same period last spending year, when the gap had reached \$142.91 billion by July, the report showed.

The administration projects it will end this spending year on Sept. 30 with a \$152.35 billion deficit.

That is an upward revision from last month, when the administration was predicting a \$146.7 billion shortfall.

The revision was issued July 28 in the administration's mid-session review, which also revised estimates of economic growth up to 3 per cent for the year from the previously estimated 2.4 per cent.

Latin debt burden grows on oil, rate factors

NEW YORK, Aug. 20: Rising interest rates and falling oil prices are adding to Latin America's economic difficulties and are hurting much of the region's ability to continue fully servicing its bank debt, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Meanwhile, coming changes of government in the US and big Latin American debtor countries — Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela — mean that currently there is a leadership vacuum for handling international debt problems.

Debt

Most oil prices have dropped more than \$4 a barrel in the past year, with Mexican crude now selling for about \$12.50 a barrel, down from \$16.50 a barrel a year ago, according to a spokeswoman for Pemex, the Mexican state oil company.

For Mexico that cuts about \$2.8 billion from export revenue. Similar price falls for Venezuelan

oil have cut that nation's export revenue by about \$2.6 billion.

Meanwhile, the recent steep rise in the London interbank offered rate — the rate most Latin American countries pay on their foreign debt — threatens to add about \$6.6 billion a year to the region's interest payments on its estimated \$330 billion foreign bank debt.

The so-called LIBOR rate for six-month money is now 9 per cent annually, up from 7 per cent in late February, and the three-month rate has risen to 8-3/4 per cent, from 6-7/8 per cent during that period.

Indeed, six years after the Latin American debt crisis broke when Mexico ran out of money in August 1982, economic growth and rates of investment in most of these nations remain low despite some determined attempts to economic change, particularly in Mexico and more recently in Brazil.

Meanwhile, in Washington, US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker, architects of the present flagging international debt strategy, both have stepped down. That strategy called for industrial nations, international agencies and banks to continue lending to debtor countries in return for economic overhaul.

Creditors

And with the US presidential elections in November, many creditors and debtors are waiting for a new — or renewed — approach to Latin America's problems of heavy foreign debt and lack of investment.

In the debtor countries, there also are important political changes in the offing. Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil will hold presidential elections within the next 15 months. Mexico's new president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, takes office in December,

and a new president in Ecuador is trying to frame a new economic strategy for that hard-pressed country.

"Rates of investment haven't recovered. They're the key to sustained export growth," says Albert Fishlow, professor of economics at the University of California, Berkeley. Quoting International Monetary Fund statistics, Fishlow says that in Latin America, investment is running at an annual average rate of 17 per cent of output of goods and services, down from between 24 per cent and 25 per cent in 1980 and 1981.

Declines

The drop is due to the continued outflow of resources, as countries struggle to service their foreign debt, Fishlow says, and isn't the result of a fall in domestic savings rates. Bankers say it also is due to heavy domestic debt servicing commitments. Venezuelan officials, com-

plaining of oil price declines, last week visited Washington and New York to try to find new funds to help make debt payments falling due later this year.

Argentina, trying to implement economic changes, is about \$1 billion behind in interest payments on its foreign bank debt, and probably won't start negotiating with its bank creditors until the end of this month, one senior banker said.

But many bankers and government officials reject gloom about the international debt outlook. Although they concede a lack of leadership in the US and in some debtor countries, they counter that in the two most important debtor countries — Mexico and Brazil — there have been substantial economic changes, and that Mexico has had considerable success in building non-oil exports, to reduce reliance on a single commodity.

Analysts expect another huge current account deficit

UK money rates ease slightly

LONDON, Aug. 20, (UPI): The stock market finally relaxed yesterday after the flood of economic statistics this week and a brighter tone developed, helped by Wall Street.

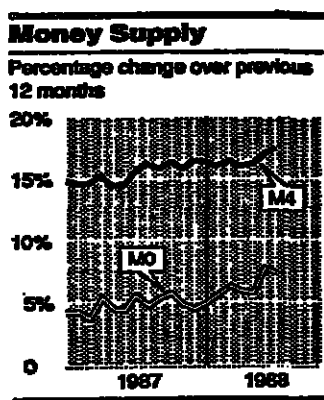
Near the close investors were encouraged by the City's calm attitude to an overheating economy and rising inflation.

Satisfied that the government has done enough, for the time being at least, in attempting to curb the spending boom, money rates eased slightly and government stocks actually hardened in 1/8th or so after weakening in early trading.

The government securities index closed at 87.96. But the happier mood will be severely tested next Thursday when the July trade figures are announced, analysts said.

Analysts were expecting another huge current account deficit of around \$1 billion, which may put pressure on sterling and lead to 11.5 per cent base rates.

Nearly all sectors of the London stock market took some severe knocks earlier in the week. Top international stocks such as Imperial Chemicals, Beecham, Unilever, Guest Keen etc. all ended with minus signs to 15 pence (25.5 cents).



Banks picked up after early losses. But insurers were neglected and prices sagged as a result.

Aerospace issues came in for late interest in anticipation of possible orders from next month's Farnborough air show.

British Aerospace closed strong at 518 pence (\$8.806), with foreign investors now holding 11.04 per cent, below the government ceiling of 15 per cent.

Profits

Builders rallied at the close, helped by Thursday's good profits performance from AMEC and a more relaxed attitude on interest rates.

Grand Metropolitan took advantage of the takeover panels decision to allow a restricted bid for Irish Distillers.

The new offer, which is final, was worth 333 pence (\$5.661) a share (£211 million or \$358.7 million) and lifted the shares of

Irish Distillers to 325 pence (\$5.525) at the close on Friday.

Grand Metropolitan ended at 515 pence (\$8.755), but that company's decision on Thursday to put an accounting valuation on its brand-name assets helped other groups in a similar position.

Foods rallied from the drubbing received on Thursday when the government referred the bid for Ranks Hovis.

Cadbury Schweppes, with figures next month, improved to close at 387 pence (\$6.579) on persistent speculation concerning the Goodman Fielder stake.

Mining stocks returned to favour with Rio Tinto Zinc (RTZ) particularly strong at 448 pence (\$7.616), following brokers Phillips and Drew but note.

Standard Chartered, still reflecting the better-than-expected results and absence of rights issue, firmed to close at 516 pence (\$8.772).

Nigerian pipeline back in operation soon

LAGOS, Aug. 20, (OPECNA): The fire which broke out on the pipeline bringing crude oil to Nigeria's Kaduna refinery from the south has been extinguished, Alex Nwokedi, spokesman for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), told OPECNA today.

The pipeline would be back in operation "in a week's time," he said. Nwokedi described as "untrue" a news agency report earlier this week which claimed that the pipeline fire was "catastrophic."

He explained that the fire, caused by a construction company, occurred in Auchel, Bendel state. The pipeline affected was the one normally carrying Nigerian light crude to the Kaduna refinery, he pointed out.

A task force led by Dr Peter Tabiowo of the NNPC pipeline maintenance department, succeeded in repairing the damage.

Drought-damaged harvest will reduce Canadian grain exports

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Aug. 20, (AP): The rich soil of the Red River valley normally produces 40 bushels per acre (440 kilograms per hectare) of red spring wheat, helping make Canada the world's second-largest wheat exporter.

The drought of 1988 has changed all that. Farmer Glenn Whitmore, harvesting 300 acres (120 hectares) in St. Norbert just south of Winnipeg, is getting just 10 bushels an acre (110 kilograms per hectare) from fields parched by the sun and infested with weeds and grasshoppers.

"Well, at least we've got the seed back," Whitmore, 35, said with resignation as he rode a mower over stunted foot-high (30-centimetre) stalks of wheat. "I don't know if there's any lessons in farming. You just take it one year at a time."

Things are worse in southern Saskatchewan, the country's major wheat producer. Many farmers failed to get any crop at all in conditions likened to the

disastrous droughts of the 1930s. Wheat and barley yields overall will be 50 per cent below normal.

In Alberta, Canada's other breadbasket province, the weather has been whimsical to the point of perversity. Southern areas felt the full impact of the drought while farmers in the northern Peace River region had 22 inches (56 centimetres) of rain and could collect bumper crops if their fields dried out long enough for harvesting.

Export

Across the prairies, experts predict a harvest down at least 30 per cent from last year, and that means Canada's 105,000 grain farmers will find it harder to fill orders from the Soviet Union, Japan, China and other traditional markets. Crop insurance will help protect individual farmers from major financial losses, however.

"It's a terrible year," said John Morris of the Canadian Wheat Board, the Winnipeg-based

government marketing agency for prairie grain. "We're going to have substantially reduced exports."

After selling 31.6 million metric tons of wheat and other prairie grain last year, earning about \$2.5 billion despite a global price war, there may be just 15 million metric tons available for export this year.

A metric ton is equivalent to 2,205 pounds or 1.1 short tons. The reduction is even greater compared with the record 51.4 million metric tons harvested in the West two years ago.

One of the major grain co-operatives, United Grain Growers Ltd., estimated on Wednesday that the 1988 harvest of six major grains will total 31.7 million metric tons, only 69 per cent of last year's 45.9 million tons.

The company forecast a wheat harvest of 15.3 million metric tons, down 40 per cent, while barley and rye harvests will be 40 to 50 per cent of normal in many areas.

S. Arabia cuts support price to wheat farmers

BAHRAIN, Aug. 20, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia has told its big farmers, weeks after a record harvest, that it is slashing subsidies which turned the kingdom from an importer into an exporter of wheat, diplomats said today.

The government told the top five publicly-traded farming companies in a letter that it would pay 1,500 riyals (\$400) a tonne for their wheat during the 1989 harvest, instead of the 2,000 riyals (\$533) paid this year.

Price

It also ordered them to plant one hectare of barley for every hectare of wheat in future.

"The government is trying to get to grips with an embarrassing problem," said one diplomat. "At tremendous expense it has been subsidising both the import of barley and the export of wheat."

Saudi Arabia's \$533-a-tonne subsidy meant it was paying farmers more than four times the world price for their wheat.

The subsidy, brought in dur-

ing the oil-rich years of the late 1970s and early 1980s, spawned a massive farm industry.

Circular wheat fields swept by irrigation booms dot the desert Saudi landscape from the edge of the southern empty quarter to the Jordanian frontier in the north.

The diplomats estimated that Saudi combine harvesters reaped a record 2.8 million tonnes of wheat in the 1988 harvest which ended in June. In 1983, the total was 600,000 tonnes.

Saudi Arabia consumes between 800,000 and 850,000 tonnes of wheat and the surplus is sold around the world — most notably to China.

The diplomats said it was unclear if, or when, the new rules would apply to the smaller private farmers who grow 88 per cent of the country's wheat.

The support price for barley is only 1,000 riyals (\$267) a tonne. But a separate scheme guarantees traders a 100 riyal (\$27) subsidy for every tonne of barley they import.

CURRENCY & BUSINESS

Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trading volume dips

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 45.11 points with a slight decrease of 0.07 point from last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.73 points with a decrease of 0.16 point for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 37.70 million shares (four days of trading) at a daily average of 9.42 million shares with a decrease of 61 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 24.10 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 16.94 million shares at a daily average of 4.24 million shares with a decrease of 40 per cent from last week's daily average of 7.05 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD3.941 million at a daily average of KD3.985 million, a decrease of 63 per cent from last week's daily average of KD10.70 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD1.521 million at a daily average of KD0.380 million, a decrease of 40 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.589 million.

The market performance was weak in general as reflected by both volumes and traded share values. This weakness conforms with our prediction of market performance, however we still expect some activity that could be triggered off by either financial factors — as with Gulf Cables, or as a result of the political environment.

For the Kuwaiti share market, the banking sector maintained its lead of total traded volume though its percentage declined to 59 per cent against 72.4 per cent for last week. Burgan Bank ranked first in this sector at 22 per cent, followed by the Commercial Bank at 19 per cent, and Kuwait Finance House at 18.8 per cent.

The services sector came second at 21 per cent of total traded volume, of which Kuwait Commercial Market Co. had the lead at 42 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 36 per cent, and Overland Transport Co. 9 per cent. Third came the industrial sector at 7.6 per cent, of which Gulf Cables had the lead at 61 per cent.

As for the Gulf share market, the financial sector had the greatest share in the traded volume at 90 per cent.

Coast Investment and Development Co. had the lead in both sectors — financial and other companies — at 62 per cent of total trading, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 22 per cent and Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 6 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

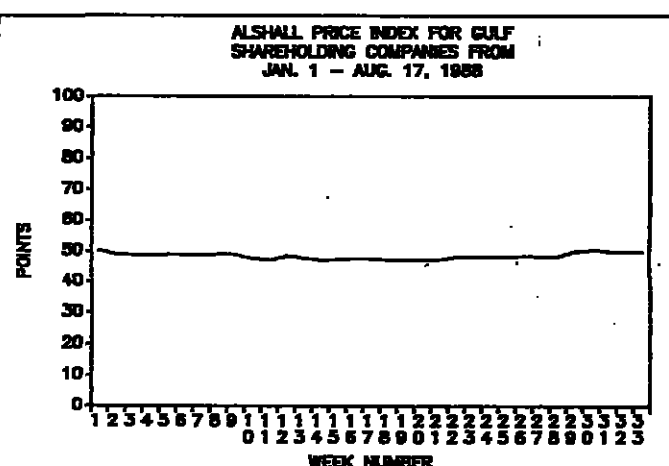
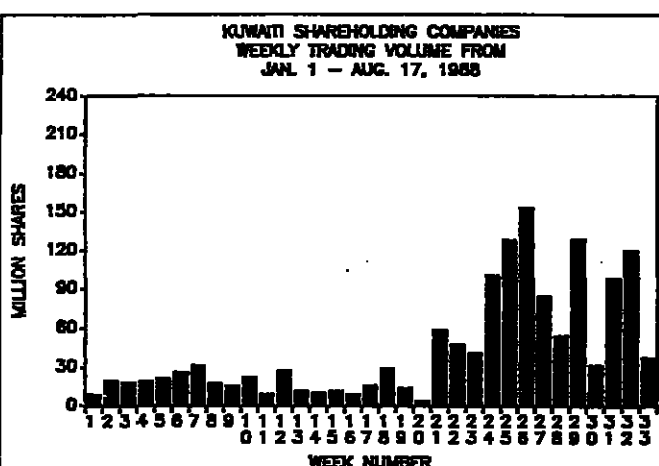
	Wednesday 17/08/88	Wednesday 10/08/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	113.63	113.63	—
The Gulf Bank	38.12	37.70	0.41
The Commercial Bank	30.05	30.48	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	39.89	40.37	-0.48
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	35.96	35.96	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	34.13	34.32	-0.19
Burgan Bank	34.19	34.19	—
Kuwait Finance House	83.15	83.15	—
Sector Index	51.97	52.11	-0.14
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	33.79	33.79	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	30.58	30.58	—

Inv. Pearl Kuwait	90.48	90.48	—
IFA	75.00	75.00	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	122.50	—
Sector Index	43.87	43.87	—
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.23	40.23	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	53.05	53.05	—
Warba Insurance Co.	78.18	79.04	-0.86
Sector Index	41.27	41.32	-0.05
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	31.86	31.86	—
United Realty	12.96	12.96	—
National Real Estate	43.00	43.40	-0.40
Sector Index	22.98	22.93	-0.06
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	90.04	90.04	—
Gulf Cables	112.10	110.04	2.06
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	99.56	97.78	1.78
Sector Index	36.51	36.18	0.32
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	200.88	198.72	2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	90.91	90.91	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	39.95	39.95	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	380.95	390.48	-9.52
Sector Index	70.65	71.59	-0.94
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	47.60	47.60	—
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	82.87	82.14	0.73
Kuwait Food Co.	74.71	70.11	4.60
Sector Index	43.45	42.58	0.87
Overall Index	45.11	45.18	-0.07

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 17/08/88	Wednesday 10/08/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	96.55	95.17	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	85.42	89.22	-3.80
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	108.57	110.48	-1.90
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	54.55	54.55	—
Sector Index	65.50	65.80	-0.29
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.30	10.30	—
Fujairah Cement	11.18	10.53	0.66
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	26.67	26.67	—
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	16.64	16.53	0.12
Overall Index	49.73	49.89	-0.16

Base Period 31/12/1983.



'Election isn't sparking any interest in the market one way or another'

Republican convention draws yawn on Street

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (AP) Since traders had little else to do this past week, many passed time by musing about presidential politics. But few based strategies on the prospect of prosperity under presidential rivals Michael Dukakis or George Bush.

In fact, some noted, if Republican Vice-President Bush had hoped to ignite followers into a victory frenzy at the Republican national convention by promising millions of new jobs, low inflation and no tax increases, Wall Street wasn't terribly impressed.

Nor did the market find reassurance in Bush's choice for Vice-President, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, a little-known, conservative, Baby Boomer (person in early middle-age or younger) who faced intense press scrutiny over questions about his military record.

Investment

That is not to imply investment professionals believe Democratic candidate Dukakis and running mate Lloyd Bentsen are any better, although some studies have shown the stock

market has done better under a democratic administration.

"The election isn't sparking any interest in the market one way or another. When you look at it, it's not a contest of two dynamic people," said Philip C. Puccio, senior vice-president and manager of institutional trading at Dillon, Read and Co. in New York.

"I feel the institutional-investor community is looking ahead into 1989, and no matter who gets in, we're in for a lot of trouble," Puccio said. "There will be hard decisions that will have to be made regarding our trade and budget deficits, higher taxes. The street (financial community) is looking at that."

Vow

Despite the cynicism, some said Bush's vow in his Thursday night acceptance speech to keep taxes down may have played a role in a mild rally the stock market enjoyed early Friday, one of the few in an otherwise dreary week.

Robert O'Toole, manager of over-the-counter trading at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. in

New York, said Bush's battle cry "helped a little bit."

Likewise, when the market strengthened last Tuesday despite alarming news about a worsening trade deficit, some brokers thought it was a reaction to the Bush nomination process and called it a Republican rally.

Others called that thinking, ridiculous conjecture.

Fundamentals

"I think the markets are sophisticated enough to concentrate on the fundamentals," said Richard Wholey, a broker-analyst at Wayne Hummer and Co. in Chicago. "It's easy and convenient sometimes for market professionals and journalists to look for those type of answers. Most researchers will tell you there isn't a measurable effect," Wholey said.

Judging from the market's behaviour this past week, he was right. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks had a three-month low last Monday, then moved in a narrow range, finishing on Friday at 2,016.00 for a weekly loss of 21.52.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.01 to 147.54 the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market fell 1.53 to 377.42 and the American Stock Exchange Market-Value index fell 1.45 to 295.03.

Lowest

Volume on the Big Board averaged 144.61 million shares a day, against 180.08 million a day the week before. It was the lowest average weekly volume since late May.

Paul Campbell Jr., a stock analyst at Nikko Securities Co. International in New York, said that if there is any market reaction to a presidential candidate, the effects are seen over time, not day-to-day.

"It's not one of these things when someone says, 'oh gee, he's a good guy, let's buy stocks,'" Campbell said.

Although the candidates may not directly influence Wall Street's behaviour, at least one forecaster contends the market's direction can predict who will win the election, with uncanny accuracy.

out how to implement them.

On change is to guarantee farmers ownership of their lands, as long as of there is "commercial production" of crops, fruit or raw materials for industry.

"The public, co-operatives and the private sectors have already been permitted to undertake all foreign and local trade," he said.

Arrangements

Under the ruling regime's "Burmes way to socialism," the state monopolised most industry and trade, and an extensive black market system that brought in goods from neighbouring China and Thailand developed.

Analysts estimated that the black market represents about 33 billion in trade per year — about 40 per cent of the country's total economic activity.

Aye Ko promised that even the

proceeds from earlier black market activity would be legitimised.

"Guarantees and arrangements needed are being made to enable money derived from illegal trade to be invested in legal commercial ventures," he said.

Burmese business sources, however, expressed scepticism that petty officials and police would give up their control on the movement of goods so easily. "Extorting bribes from the black marketeers is the only way they can survive," one source said.

Aye Ko said the state monopoly on newspapers would be lifted "in the near future." Earlier the government announced it was returning several newspapers, nationalised by the government in the 1960s, to their original owners.

Kuwait dinar deposit rates ease ahead of salaries

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased ahead of salary payments this week and the Central Bank entered the market offering to mop up excess funds by taking deposits.

Dealers said the prospect of salary payments over the next two days bringing new funds onto an already liquid market had pushed down rates in the short dates and in some of the fixed maturities.

Overnight was offered at two per cent after quotes of around five on Thursday, the last trading day in the Gulf.

Tomorrow-next was offered at one per cent after being quoted at 6-1/4, 5-1/4. Traders said the market had been liquid since Central Bank deposits matured last week.

They said the Central Bank intervened again yesterday, offering to buy two and three-week deposits at 5-1/2 per cent.

There was little trade in the fixed dates other than one-month, which eased to 6-1/8, 5-7/8 from 6-1/2, 3/8.

Eased

Three months eased to 6-3/8, 1/8 from 6-1/2, 3/8, but six months and one-year were little changed at 6-1/2, 1/4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar-to-dollar conversion rate to 0.28414/24 from 0.28446/56 on Thursday. Commercial quoted the spot dinar at 0.28420/25.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates eased on Friday from their high levels of Thursday, with banks mostly squared for Monday's settlement date for Saudi government bonds.

Dealers said that after a minor panic on Thursday as banks tried to cover positions ahead of the settlement, the market was now quiet and waiting to see the results of the 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) issue, the fifth since the programme was started in June.

Predictions

They said initial predictions were that the issue would not be much better received than previous ones, despite a somewhat more attractive yield set by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency.

Traders expected banks to take up around 800 mln to one billion riyals (215 to 265 million) of the offering.

In the short-term deposits, spot-next eased to nine, 8-1/2 per cent from 12, 11 on Thursday, the Gulf's last trading day. One-week fell to nine, 8-1/2 from 9-3/8, 8-7/8.

In the fixed maturities, one-month eased 1/8 point to nine, 3/4, while three months eased 1/8 point on the bid side to 9-1/8, 8-7/8. Both six months and one-year softened about 1/16 point to 9-5/16, 1/16 and 9-7/16, 5/16, respectively.

The spot riyal eased to 3.7495/7500 to the dollar from 3.7483/88 on Thursday.

Currency rates

FOLLOWING are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28331	0.28474
Stg.	0.48021	0.48406
Dm	0.14911	0.15026
S. fr.	0.17717	0.17863
FF	0.04095	0.04431
It. lira	0.0002013	0.0002027
Yap yen	0.0021040	0.0021385
Bp. dinar	0.75128	0.75568
UAE dh.	0.07714	0.07756
S. riyal	0.07550	0.07593
Qat. riyal	0.07780	0.07820
Om. riyal	0.73567	0.73987

Ceasefire could boost oil prices

LONDON, Aug. 20: The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq could herald a renewed unanimity within OPEC and result in a resurgence of oil prices, a leading analyst told KUNA here today.

A "new mood" in Iran makes it clear that Tehran may accept oil output parity with Iraq, paving the way for a breakthrough at OPEC's meeting in November, said Mehdi Varzi, director of research at the London-based investment firm of Kleinwort Greaveson Securities.

"I think we could see a surprisingly successful meeting in November," Varzi said.

Installations

"There is a long way to go yet, but I can see it is happening," he added.

Varzi predicted that oil prices could rise from their current level of around \$14 a barrel up to \$18 a barrel in the wake of the OPEC meeting.

On the broader outlook for post-war redevelopment, Varzi said he was in no doubt that both Iran and Iraq would direct their initial efforts at reviving their oil industries, particularly in Iran where installations suffered

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.130	1.120	1.130	1.120	1170000	31
GULF BANK	0.455	0.460	0.460	0.455	205000	72
COMMERCIAL BK	0.345	0.345	0.350	0.345	1850000	46
AHLI BANK	0.420	0.415	0.420	0.415	910000	36
B.K.M.E.	0.410	—	—	—	—	—
K.R.E.B.	0.425	0.430	0.440	0.430	300000	3
BURGAN BANK	0.345	0.345	0.350	0.340	1750000	65
K.F. HOUSE	0.550	0.550	0.560	0.550	1640000	65
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KWT INV. CO.	0.184	—	—	—	—	—
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	—	—	—	—	—
K.I.T.C.	0.178	0.178	0.178	0.178	200000	1
CON.FACILITIES	0.490	—	—	—	—	—
ALHIAH INV.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	320000	4
INV. PEARL KWT	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	180000	4
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KWT INSURANCE	0.740	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	—	—	—	—	—
AHLIAH INS. CO.	0.600	—	—	—	—	—
WARBA INS. CO.	0.455	—	—	—	—	—
REAL EST SECTOR						
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.255	0.250	0.250	0.250	620000	16
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	240000	10
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.216	0.216	0.216	0.216	60000	1
SALIAH R.E.	0.080	—	—	—	—	—
KWT PROJECTS	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	240000	2
KWT R.E.I. CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.520	—	—	—	—	—
KWT M.P. IND.	0.335	—	—	—	—	—
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	—	—	—	—	—
REF. IND. CO.	0.405	0.410	0.410	0.410	10000	1
N.A.N.T. CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF CABLE	1.090	1.090	1.100	1.090	1125000	26
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	220000	5
CONV. MARINE	0.350	—	—	—	—	—
K. SH. REP. CO.	0.046	—	—	—	—	—
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.080	0.085	0.085	0.085	200000	3
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	—	—	—	—	—
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	—	—	—	—	—
WAREHOUSING	0.178	0.180	0.180	0.180	240000	5
CON.MKT. CHPK.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	240000	3
MOBILE TELE.	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.395	1060000	37
KWT COMPUTER	0.184	0.186	0.186	0.184	460000	12
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.234	—	—	—	—	—
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GOLF

Three-way tie for PGA lead

CASTLEROCK, Colo., Aug. 20. (Reuters): Americans Fred Couples, Joey Sindelar and D. A. Weir tied for the lead in the second round of the PGA's \$1.1 million International Men's Golf tournament yesterday.

Using the modified Stableford scoring system, the three each compiled 11 points.

There were seven players tied at nine points including American Ken Green who won the inaugural international two years ago and was second to compatriot John Cook last year. The others are Americans Steve Pate, Steve Jones, Bruce Lietzke, Robert Wynn, Robert Maltbie and Doug Tewell.

Survive

There were 78 players in yesterday's field bidding for the 54 spots in today's third round. Everyone starts at zero points each day. Only 18 players will survive the third round to play tomorrow's final 18 holes.

Jack Nicklaus, the designer of the Castle Pines Golf Club here, birdied four of the last six holes for eight points to make it easy into today's round.

Among some of the other players who played well enough to advance are Ken Brown of Britain, Isao Aoki of Japan, Nick Price of South Africa, Ove Sjöberg of Sweden, Americans Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Bob Tway, Mark O'Meara and last week's PGA champion Jeff Sluman of the United States.

Olazabal stays ahead in Irish Open

PORTMARNOCK, Ireland, Aug. 20. (Reuters): Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal took advantage of some early good weather to keep the lead in the Irish Open golf championship yesterday before wind and rain dampened his challengers' chances.

Olazabal hit a second-round 70 in easy morning conditions for an eight-under-par 136, and then sat back as wind and rain lashed the course and his challengers failed to catch him.

The Spaniard, who hit a six-under-par 66 in the first round on Thursday, finished one shot ahead of compatriot Manuel Piñero and Irish pair Philip Walton and Eamonn Darcy, who all hit 68s. Britons Ian Woosnam and Howard Clark were a shot behind on 138.

Share

Woosnam, who ended his latest American expedition by walking out of the US PGA championship after 27 holes last week, was upset with his finish after he hit five birdies in 10 holes to share the lead at eight under par before finishing with a 70.

US Master's champion Sandy Lyle ended with a double bogey six to hit a 71 and a second-round 140.

Defending champion, West German Bernhard Langer, putted poorly in a second round of 77 and missed qualifying with a five-over-par 149.

ATHLETICS

Lewis hits out at team officials

BRUSSELS, Aug. 20. (Reuters): Carl Lewis may be denied the chance to win four gold medals at next month's Seoul Olympics by his own US team officials.

The brilliant 27-year-old, winner of four golds at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, claimed yesterday, he had been axed from the US 4x100 metres relay squad favoured to land gold in Seoul because "he had not proved himself."

Lewis coasted to victory in the 100 metres at the Brussels Grand Prix relay coach Russ Rogers had left him out of the sprint quartet. Lewis is known to be at odds with US team chiefs because he wants a place in the squad for club colleague Joe DeLoach. But both were left out in Brussels.

Spoken

Lewis, who helped the Americans claim World Championship gold medals in 1983 and 1987, said he had spoken to Rogers on Thursday.

"He said there's no room for you. You haven't proved yourself yet."

Lewis accused Rogers of "acting like a high-school teacher."

"Rogers did not want me to run today," Lewis said, adding that he expected top sprint coach Stan Huntsman to sort the matter out before the Games open on September 17.

EVERT AND SABATINI SAIL INTO SEMIFINALS

Zvereva surprises Navratilova



Zvereva raises her arms in victory after she beat Navratilova. (Reuters wirephoto)

MONTREAL, Aug. 20. (Reuters): Teenager Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union scored a 6-1 6-4 stunning upset over a lethargic Martina Navratilova in the quarterfinals of the Canadian Women's Open tennis tournament yesterday.

The 17-year-old Zvereva, who defeated Navratilova, 32, in the fourth round of the French Open three months ago, dictated play from every angle of the court, while a nervous and lacklustre Navratilova was made to look very ordinary.

In earlier matches, American Chris Evert beat fifth seeded Czech Helena Sukova 6-2 6-1 and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina stopped American Lori McNeil 6-3 6-3.

Pieces

Evert broke Sukova in the fifth game of the first set and from then on Sukova's game fell to pieces.

"I was surprised it was so easy," Evert said. "She started to make more errors and became demoralised. We didn't have any long drawn out games."

The American, seeded third, earned many free points from Sukova's erratic play. Navratilova had no such luck.

"This is very disappointing," Navratilova said. "It does not help me for the US Open and I won't be able to put it behind me very well. I need match practise."

"I played very well," Zvereva said. "I was not sure I could win before the match and I was not nervous, but I think she was nervous especially in the second set."

The former world number one was extremely subdued and was not forcing play, instead she stayed back and played defensive tennis and allowed Zvereva to be the aggressor.

"I got passive and had a hard time keeping up the pressure and putting her on the defensive," said Navratilova.

Zvereva raced to a 5-0 lead in the first set before Navratilova put her only game of the set on the board in a very tentative manner. Her volleys lacked any sting and she was lucky to even get that game.

"She hit the ball real well," said Navratilova. "She was running, moving and anticipating very well. She'd be at a spot before I even hit the ball."

Navratilova did not mix up her game enough, while the Soviet player produced smart tennis and kept her on the run. The

American began to find some rhythm early in the second set when she went to a 3-0 lead, but the euphoria did not last long as the new darling of tennis staged a comeback.

Zvereva reeled off the next five games in a row and six of the last seven, and Navratilova was once again looking down the barrel of a gun.

"I beat a giant," said Zvereva. "It was not easy, but I just tried my best. My mental tactic was to stay calm and hit the ball deep. I was not afraid of her and I just enjoyed the match."

Unforced

Sabatini was far sharper than McNeil in the other day quarter-final match. McNeil made 44 unforced errors, compared with 25 for her Argentine opponent.

"She made too many mistakes," Sabatini said. "She served well, but I returned better."

McNeil said a strong wind bothered her.

"Her ball is heavy," McNeil said. "It has a lot of spin. With the wind, it was bothering me. I made the right shots, but maybe I wasn't watching the ball or my positioning. I was missing my approach shots."

Pryor plans to fight again next month

ROCHESTER, New York, Aug. 20. (AP): Aaron Pryor, the former junior welterweight boxing champion who has tried two unsuccessful comebacks since leaving the ring in 1983, plans to fight again next month.

Pryor, 32, lived on the streets in Miami, used cocaine for two years and served a brief jail term after leaving boxing. He has been in Rochester training since July.

Pryor was scheduled to fight Toronto's Paddy McWilliams on Sept. 23 at Rochester's War Memorial Auditorium, said promoter Jim Cassidy.

"People are interested in seeing Aaron, how he's doing, what's he got left," Cassidy said. "He's pushing his effort up now in order to appear on this card."

The fight will be on the undercard of the Simon Brown vs Bobby Joe Young fight for the International Boxing Federation welterweight title. Young is the only fighter who has beaten Pryor, stopping him in the seventh round in a fight last year.

Brown, 25, a native of Clarendon, Jamaica, with a 26-1 record and 20 knockouts, now lives in Washington, DC. He will be defending the title he won last April when he knocked out Tyrone Thrice in the 12th round of a fight in Brock, France.

Pryor first tried to come back in 1985 and won two bouts, but didn't continue. He tried again in April last year when he lost to Young. His record stands at 36-1.



Wilander in semifinals

Lora to defend bantamweight title

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (AP): Miguel Lora will defend his World Boxing Council bantamweight title against Raul Perez of Mexico in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 29, promoter Don King announced.

The fight will be on a card at the Las Vegas Hilton headed by the previously announced lightweight title unification fight between Julio Cesar Chavez, the World Boxing Association champion, and Jose Luis Ramirez, the WBC titleholder.

California boxing officials voted 4-3 yesterday that drug tests of Lora following an Aug. 1 title defense against Albert Davila were inconclusive and took no action against him.

Wilander struggles past Limberger

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20. (Reuters): Second seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden narrowly defeated Carl Limberger of Australia 3-6 6-4 7-5 last night in the quarterfinals of the \$100,000 ATP Championships.

Wilander lost the first set, won the second and went up a break in the third before winning that, too.

Needed

Defending champion and number one seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden beat Michael Chang of the United States 6-3 6-3 although the 16-year-old American gave him a good fight.

"I needed to give all I had to win today," Edberg said after the match.

In Wilander's third set, he led 3-1 then 4-2 before an aggressive and quick Limberger, ranked 235th in the world, fought his way back to four-all. Wilander broke again in the 11th game and ended the match on his serve.

"Waiting all afternoon for the rain to stop and ending up on grandstand was tough. It took me a while to get into the match," Wilander said.

He also had a criticism of Limberger's racket.

"His racket allows him to give much more spin to the ball as the strings are farther apart than normal. I don't say it should be forbidden but, at least, it should be checked," he said.

Earlier, number 11 and 12

seeds Anders Jarryd of Sweden and Aaron Krickstein of the United States also qualified for the semifinals.

Krickstein saved three match points against number 14 seed Kevin Curren in the final set, two in the 12th game and one in a tie break.

Point

He finally came through the tie break, winning it 12-10 on his fifth match point to beat his fellow-countryman 6-3 2-6 7-6 (12-10).

Anders Jarryd defeated number 13 seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 6-3.

"This is the best match I've played in a very long time," Jarryd said.

Zivojinovic upset in quarterfinal

LIVINGSTON, N.J., Aug. 20. (Reuters): Second seed Yugoslav Slobodan Zivojinovic, ranked 28th in the world, fell to American amateur Jeff Tarango 4-6 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 yesterday in a quarterfinal of the \$100,000 New Jersey Cup tennis championships.

Andre Agassi, the young US star ranked number four in the world, justified his rating as the tournament's top seed with a 6-4, 6-1 quarterfinal victory over eighth seed Matt Anger, also of the United States.

Agassi, 18, broke serve in the 10th game to take the first set and won the last five games of the second set using solid, two-fisted

backhands to balance his potent forehand.

In the other quarterfinals, Australian Simon Youl reversed a straight set loss last week in Toronto and upset six seed American Sammy Giammalva 6-4, 6-4, and fifth seed Yehiya Dombia of Senegal beat last year's semifinalist Marc Flur of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

Lost

Zivojinovic was disappointed his big game came apart in the third set after he lost the second set in the tiebreaker game.

"I served well in that tiebreak but he made one good return and that was it," said Zivojinovic.

who served 14 aces.

"Tie breaks are like a lottery game because a single lucky shot can win."

Tarango, a 19-year-old left hander ranked 251st, said his winning forehand service return in the tiebreak came at "an opportune moment as I guessed right and stepped in on the shot."

The American player picked up the level of his service game and his return in the third set, while Zivojinovic appeared halfhearted after being broken in the third game of that final set.

The American had only one Grand Prix match before this week's run of three straight successes.

Cram runs year's best 1,500 metres at Brussels GP

BRUSSELS, Aug. 20. (Reuters): Briton Steve Cram displayed his full championship pedigree with a glorious 1,500 metres triumph at the Brussels Grand Prix athletics meeting yesterday.

The 1983 world champion, who failed so dismally at the Rome World Championships last year, outclassed the rest of the field in a gruelling last lap to clock three minutes 30.95 seconds.

It was the eighth fastest time ever — Cram himself has twice run faster — and easily the quickest in the world this year.

Cram, the European and Commonwealth champion as well as the Olympic silver medalist, found himself in front at the bell after the second of two pacemakers dropped out.

Then he staged a marvellous solo performance, edging away from compatriot Peter Elliott and instilling himself as gold medal favourite in the Seoul Olympics next month.

Emphatic

Olympic champion Carl Lewis and new 400 metres world record holder Butch Reynolds, currently the hottest property in track and field, earlier eased to emphatic victories over 100 and 300 metres respectively.

The pair were hardly tested by modest opposition as the Brussels meeting struggled to shake off the hangover of Zurich's dramatic and draining action of 48 hours earlier.

Cram owed much to the pacemaking pair who took the field through the first lap in 55.78 seconds, 800 metres in 1:51.88 and then the bell in 2:35.

He had to do the rest himself, but did not shrink from the challenge when the going began to hurt.

Elliott, who like Cram will double up over 800 and 1,500 metres in Seoul, clocked 3:32.94 while Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan was third in 3:36.04.

"I was tired over the last 200 but there's a little more to come," Cram said. "But I can't be more delighted with my performance. I'm getting better with each race."

Said Aouita offered another example of his remarkable versatility with a superb 800 metres win over American Johnny Gray, the fastest man in the world this year.

The 5,000 metres world and Olympic champion who has also run the 10,000 metres, clawed back a 10-metres deficit in the closing 250 metres to snatch victory from Gray on the line.

Aouita, the 1,500 metres world record holder, clocked a personal best of 1:44.36, bettering his previous best recorded five years ago by 0.02 seconds.

But the time was immaterial. What mattered was that the Moroccan, who is also planning to double up over 800 and 1,500 metres in Seoul, had proved his ability to live with the best over two laps.

American pacemaker Lewis Johnson took the field through the bell in 49.26 seconds and left Gray with a handsome lead when he dropped out in the back straight.

But Aouita ate into the gap and attacked off the final bend as the pair fought shoulder to shoulder for victory.

The diminutive Moroccan edged the decision with Gray, who clocked a year's best 1:42.65 in Zurich two days ago, timed at 1:44.43.

Cram said he was approaching the form he showed in 1986, the year he considers to be his best when he won the Commonwealth Games 800 and 1,500 metres and European championship 1,500.

"I didn't want to set a record," he added.

"That would have made me a red hot favourite for Seoul and I didn't want that. I'm pleased with 3:30."



Reynolds (left) wipes his eyebrow after winning his event while Jose Regalo (No. 32) leads the pack in the 5,000 metres. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aouita said: "I beat Gray and I feel good."

"But I need 800 races. I'll run some before I make a definite decision on doing the 800 in Seoul."

He said he planned to run the 800 in Cologne on Sunday, either the 800 or mile in West Berlin next week and possibly another 800 in Rieti, Italy, on August 31.

Reynolds strode home in a weak, hastily arranged 300 metres while Lewis eased to a similarly emphatic success.

After dramatic triumphs over the world's best in Zurich on Wednesday, the American pair welcomed the opportunity of a gentler workout in the less-charged atmosphere of Brussels.

Reynolds switched from the 400 metres just hours before the



start of the meeting after complaining of feeling drained following his world record-shattering run 48-hours earlier.

But he showed little sign of any problems on the track as he shifted up a gear off the bend to win in 32.22 seconds — little more than half a second off the world best for the rarely run event.

American Walter McCoy was second in 32.43.

Lewis also struck from behind to outpace compatriots Dennis Mitchell and Brian Cooper.

Lewis, who equalled the second fastest time recorded when he beat Canadian rival Ben Johnson in Zurich in 9.93 seconds, clocked a more leisurely 10.04 seconds here.

Romania's Paula Ivan was another to display more fine

form in the women's 1,500 metres.

The quickest woman in the world over the distance this year, Ivan romped away to win in three minutes 39.17 seconds ahead of Olympic 800 metres champion Doña Melinte.

Lewis said he was feeling the effects of his emotional showdown with Johnson but added he was satisfied with his performance.

"I'm a little tired and lost a little of my sharpness," said the quadruple gold medalist from the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

In Reynolds's absence, his compatriot Danny Everett — second in Wednesday's historic one-lap race — won the 400 metres.

The race featured four others



Toronto third baseman, Kelly Gruber, jumps into the air to pull in a throw from home as Milwaukee's Paul Molitor scores. (Reuters wirephoto)

Darwin helps Astros outclass Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (AP): To Danny Darwin, it was more than a little important to give the Houston Astros a much-needed pitching lift and beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Darwin, winless as a starter since June 7, pitched a three-hitter and Buddy Bell, taken off the disabled list earlier in the day, went 3-for-4 with a homer and two runs batted in last night as the Astros beat the Pirates 5-1.

Glenn Davis and Bell hit consecutive home runs in Houston's three-run fourth inning off Mike Dunne, 6-10, who lost his third in a row despite a career-high eight strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings.

Darwin, 6-9, didn't allow a hit after Dunne's third-inning single. Making his first start since July 10 and after 12 straight relief appearances, he struck out five and walked one. He had lost his last four starts.

"I didn't worry about what this game meant to me, but I knew we were a little short in the bullpen and it was important for me to pitch seven innings," Darwin said. "It surprised me that I was able to go nine. I still had good pop on my pitches in the ninth and I was glad I was able to make a contribution to the ball club."

Darwin allowed only an RBI grounder to Andy van Slyke in the third.

In Los Angeles, Orel Hersher pitched a five-hitter and Mike Marshall hit a two-run homer as the Dodgers extended their winning streak to five games, beating Montreal 2-0 and giving the Expos their sixth straight loss.

The Cardinals' Jose Oquendo homered and drove in four runs and Terry Pendleton went 4-for-4 with a two-run double as St. Louis beat the Cincinnati Reds

10-4. For the Cubs, Andre Dawson homered twice and knocked in five runs, including the game-winning in the ninth inning with a one-out, fly-ball single that gave Chicago an 8-7 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

San Francisco's Robby Thompson doubled home three runs during a five-run rally in the seventh inning and the San Francisco Giants beat Philadelphia 6-2, the Phillies' sixth straight loss.

In San Diego, Carmelo Martinez, who hit a two-run homer earlier, singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning and the Padres beat the New York Mets 3-2.

In Boston, Mike Greenwell took over the Major League RBI lead by driving in three runs, including the game-winning in the seventh inning, to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 7-6 victory.

Seattle's Mike Moore tied a Seattle record with 16 strikeouts and allowed five hits as the Mariners beat New York 6-1.

In the first game, former mariner Ken Phelps hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to give the Yankees a 5-3 victory.

In Toronto, Joe Meyer drove in four runs, including the A tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, as the Brewers beat the Blue Jays 7-4.

Results

American League			
New York	5	Seattle	3
Seattle	6	New York	1
Baltimore	3	California	1
Detroit	5	Chicago	4
Cleveland	4	Kansas City	2
Milwaukee	7	Toronto	4
Boston	7	Oakland	6
National League			
Chicago	8	Atlanta	7
Houston	5	Pittsburgh	1
St. Louis	10	Cincinnati	4
San Diego	3	New York	2
Los Angeles	2	Montreal	0
San Francisco	6	Philadelphia	2

BAAB rejects Samaranch's plea to select Coe

LONDON, Aug. 20. (Reuters): The British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) has rejected a plea from International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch for double Olympic champion Sebastian Coe to be included in their team for the Games in Seoul.

BAAB spokesman Tony Ward today described Samaranch's request for the board to reconsider its selection policy to make room for Coe — contained in a letter to board chairman Ewan Murray — as "quite extraordinary."

Samaranch, a great admirer of Coe who is on the IOC athletes' commission, wrote: "Sebastian Coe is a great Olympic champion, having won the 1,500 metres twice and having made many other contributions to the Olympic movement."

"I know that many British people, as well as many from other countries, want to see him compete in Seoul. So I decided to write and ask that the question be considered again."

Firmly

Ward said: "A letter has been sent to the president politely, but firmly, rejecting his suggestion. We have told him that our selection policy is complete and we are quite satisfied with it."

"We find it quite extraordinary that the IOC president should write concerning our selection policy when the British Olympic Association has remained aloof from the whole business."

The board's decision to exclude Coe, who has won more Olympic medals and set more world records than any other British athlete, fired debate over the selection process in Britain.

The board's council rejected selectors' recommendations for a place in the 800 metres, choosing Peter Elliott ahead of him.

